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EDITORIAL #58

MY SURGERY

by Merissa Sherrill Lynn

On July 7, 1991, I'll be celebrating my 49th birthday. On July 8 I'll be traveling to Mt. San Rafael Hospital in Trinidad, Colorado. On July 11, barring any unforseen circumstances (and Mr. Murphy fails to rear his ugly head), I will be a newborn legal and functional female. I'm giddy with joy, and a little afraid.

Making my transition from male to female has been in my life's game plan for nearly 40 years. To think it's finally going to happen has me so happy I've been bouncing off the ceilings, and driving everyone around me crazy. Our hallways and offices have been ringing with the sounds of, "Please, go get your surgery so we can have some peace and get some work done around here!" So, if my letters come through, if my medical exam is OK, if my checks don't bounce, if I don't get killed by some crazed Massachusetts driver, if Dr. Biber still likes me, if I don't leave my purse in the bathroom at Logan Airport, if my Board of Directors doesn't decide we absolutely have to have another issue of the Tapestry by August, IF... then I will be happy to go get my surgery.

Perhaps when this is all over, just perhaps, even I will have some peace and be able to get some work done around here.

When I first made the announcement about my plans, the reactions ranged from, "It's about time!", and, "Nobody can say you didn't wait long enough." (That was from the people who know me best.) To, "We disagree with what you are doing, but we love you and support you." (Thank you Linda and Cynthia.) To, "Your soul will rot in Hell, you murderer!" I thanked everybody for their comments, and went about looking for new ways to drive people crazy.

Actually my decision to have surgery at this time was fairly simple. I've used a lot of years to come to grips with who and what I am, and to create the persona with which I am most comfortable. The two primary reasons for not having surgery before now was I didn't have my personal act together well enough to make the transition, and I didn't have the money. Then, when I did have the money, I opted to use it to guarantee the survival and growth of the Tiffany Club, the Tapestry, the 'Coming Together' convention, and IFGE. At long last, I feel as though my money is no longer needed for those purposes, my personal act is together, and so is my persona. Now I am going to take care of my own needs.

Ironically, taking care of my own needs seems to be very threatening to a lot of people. Apparently a lot of people don't respect or even see me as a real human being, a person that actually has needs of her own. However, thankfully, most people see me for what I am, a human being with needs just like regular people, a person with an abiding loyalty to my community. True, some of the concerns expressed to me are valid. For instance, one concern is, if I have my personal needs taken care of, will I follow the standard TS pattern and disappear into the woodwork? Another concern is, will I become dominated by TS issues to the neglect of the rest of our community? Another concern is, if I have surgery, will I be leading a lot of 'shouldn't-have-surgery-types' down the cactus-lined path to Trinidad?

Listen gang! Nothing's going to change, so stop worrying. I've been dominated by TS issues since I was old enough to know there were such things as TS issues. That hasn't stopped me from serving my community as a whole without bias, and having surgery isn't going to change that a bit. If anything, having a little peace of

mind may even help me do a better job. I'm not leaving, and I will continue to serve without bias. Trust me.

As to disappearing into the woodwork ... no, no, no! Even more important to me than becoming a legal and functional female is leading a meaningful life. I have dedicated my life to helping other people live happier and better lives. I have built a niche where I can make my greatest contribution, a niche that gives my life purpose. Do you really think I'm going throw away my reason for being so I can disappear into the woodwork?

Let me tell you something about that woodwork. The woodwork is a very scary place, a place where you feel compelled to play by other people's rules, and to keep the reality of your existence a secret. 37 years ago I sold my soul to society, trying to buy my way into the woodwork... trying to live up to other people's ideas of who and what I was supposed to be. The result was 20 years of misery, two suicide attempts, and a life filled with failure, and fear, and secrets, and lies. It was an unhappy life without hope or purpose. 17 years ago I began taking my soul back again... and my healing process began. Today I am what I could never be if I went back into the woodwork. I am a happy, productive, and contributing human being. Society holds no place for me, and I dare say, holds no place for many of you. My place is not in the woodwork. It is with you.

(As a side note, you might notice a tone of gratitude. I am very grateful to you for being who and what you are, for without you my life would still be without meaning. I'm sorry if this sounds a bit soppy, but I want you to know that when I say I love you, I mean it.)

The issue of my potential influence over the 'shouldn't-have-surgery-types' is another matter, and it's a very real concern for me. I know people read what I write, and are often influenced by what I say and do. The knowledge that I have the power to affect people's lives is scary. It is also a responsibility, one which I take very seriously. In fact that sense of responsibility is my main reason for writing this article.

I arrived at the decision to have surgery after many years of soul searching and hard work. The gut-level desire and the deep need to have surgery was always there, but that isn't what makes it right for me. What makes it right is that through the eyes of my heart and the eyes of society I am a woman. I have been living as a woman for 12 years, and will continue to live as a woman for the rest of my life. I am at peace with that reality. However, I am not legal nor am I functional. I would rather be legal and functional.

However, what is right for me is not necessarily right for others, and the last thing I want to do is lead poor young innocents down the prickly path to surgery. In the words of the not-too-great Richard Nixon, "Let me make this perfectly clear..." There are very few things in this world that hurt me more than seeing someone who should not have surgery make that irreversible mistake. The thought that I might, in some way, have influenced someone to make that mistake terrifies me. Far too many people have surgery only to find after the fact that their problems were not solved, and their lives were still unhappy, bitter, and for many, short.

Have you ever tried to talk to someone who has convinced themselves that they are TS? Weren't very successful were you? There's a tired joke that goes, "What's the difference between a terrorist and a TS? You can negotiate with a terrorist." Ha, ha! You can't talk to someone who has closed their minds and closed their hearts. Tommi and Marie wouldn't listen either, and I have a news clipping of Tommi with her brains blown across the kitchen floor, and photos of Marie with both her wrists hacked to pieces up to her elbows.

True, when it comes to people contemplating surgery, I can get pretty brutal. That's because if it isn't right, the consequences can be catastrophic.

I think one of the biggest problems is the flagrant abuse of the word 'transsexual'. God, I hate that term. It's so easy to use ... just rolls off your tongue, and has such an artificial healing effect, like penicillin for the psyche. "Oh... I'm a transsexual. Now I know what I am. Guess I'll close my mind to reason, and go have surgery." Actually, the word 'transsexual' is nothing more than a placebo for the psyche, a facade, and a very dangerous one. It is nothing more than a category, a pigeonhole. Take warning: If that pigeonhole is not thoroughly washed and inspected to make it habitable, it could very easily be filled with pigeon droppings, and those droppings can cost you your life.

I kind of like that - sort of like an old Chinese saying: Merissa say, "Pigeonhole that not washed out probably filled with droppings." Yeah, good saying.

You will never hear me call myself or anyone else a transsexual. My name is Merissa Sherrill Lynn, and that is all. I am who and what I am, and that is all. I refuse to put myself or anyone else into a pigeonhole. What I did, and what I expect others to do, is: (1) I took the time to get my own personal act together. (2) I took the time to gain a better understanding of the reality of my existence. (3) I took the responsibility to decide just who and what and how I wanted to be in the world. (4) I created my own public identity, and did it without the use of categories. Therefore, I am not a "pre-op TS", nor will I become a "post-op TS", nor was I ever a "CD", "TV", "TG", "FP", "DQ", "FI", "AN", or any other garbage category. I am Merissa Sherrill Lynn, that is all, and that is good enough for me. You are who and what you are, that's all, and that should be good enough for you.

I have a big problem with categories like 'TS' and 'TV'. People are too eager to use them as hooks upon which to hang their identity. Then once they've hung their identity on that hook they'll try to conform to the prevailing opinion of what that identity is supposed to be. It's laziness pure and simple... stopping the investigation on who and what you are before the investigation is complete... sometimes before it has even begun.

If someone says to me, "I'm a TS," my reaction is usually something like, "Fine! You can call yourself anything you want. You can call yourself a 'ripe banana' for all I care. What you call yourself isn't important. What is important is whether or not you can acknowledge that you are in fact the architect of your being, and you are responsible for your actions. It is important you accept the responsibility for your actions, and be able to cope with the consequences."

I repeat: Can you accept the responsibility for your actions? Can you cope with the consequences?

I've seen so much pain ... so much pain. I've seen people die, careers lost, and families lost. Our community is filled with people who know only that they need without knowing what they need or why they need it -- lost souls desperately trying to find out who and what they are, all-to-often with nothing to go on except categories. There are others who are totally incapable of separating fact from fantasy, and fall victims to their own dreams. There are people who live in a fairy tale, thinking that by having surgery their knight in shining armor is going to come and sweep them off their feet and they'll live happily ever after. There are people who simply hate themselves, and think that having surgery is going to help them like themselves. There are people who think having surgery is going to solve all their problems. There are so many dreams, dreams that become smashed in the harsh light of reality.

Last year at Fantasia Fair in Provincetown I had a chance to meet an extraordinary lady. Her name was Carol, and she left an impression on me that will stay with me for many years to come. I was in the Gifford House, a salty 150 year-old guest house which sat on a hill overlooking the harbor. It was late, and the night was dark, cool, and quiet. I sat alone on the old wicker sofa enjoying the peacefulness around me, when a very attractive young woman approached me. She introduced herself as Carol and asked if I were Merissa. I nodded, and asked her to join me. She told me she had completed her surgery some years ago, and she was at the Fair to conduct a workshop on transsexual issues. As we talked her mood became intense, and anger flashed from her eyes and cheeks. Her voice became almost hateful, and bitterness poured from her soul. She spoke through a flood of tears as she told me her story.

Before her surgery Carol was a member of the Gay Community. When she was dressed she made a very attractive woman, and lived much of her life as a woman. Then she met her knight in shining armor, they fell in love, and he asked her to marry him. Nothing on heaven and earth was going to stop her from having her surgery. Well, she had her surgery, only to find out her knight had a chink in his armor. She also learned, too late, that she was, after all, a gay male crossdresser, and nothing more. Her life for all practical purposes had been destroyed.

Carol was at the Fair to do everything she could to stop others from making the same mistakes she made. She had sought me out to ask me to help her get her message across. Her message? "Before you do something so final, so irreversible as have sexual reassignment surgery, take the time to get to know yourself, and for God's sake, grow up first."

My message? Before you decide (and it is your decision to make) to have SRS, take the time to learn who and what you are. Learn how you want to be in society, what persona, what public image will work best for you. Learn the difference between fantasy and reality. Learn to accept responsibility for your actions, and learn to cope with the consequences. And for God's sake, grow up first.

As John Denver says, **"Know yourself. It's all you have."**

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NURTURING COMES FROM WITHIN

While attending the 1991 IFGE Convention, I heard prominent members of this community talk about what being a woman **really** is. It's more than getting all dolled up and looking great. It's an attitude involving a caring, supportive, nurturing outlook toward others. The call went out for more people to come forward and share in the responsibilities which keep organizations such as the IFGE and the local groups alive and effective for the newcomers and old-timers alike.

As I sat and looked at the outer picture, the request for more people to get involved, my mind moved to the inner picture. What is it that keeps people from being more giving of themselves, from being more nurturing toward others? Why is it that some men have the attitude that dressing is the "be all and end all?" **Dressing** as I have said before, **is only the tip of the ICEBERG!** If all a man does is get dressed up and have a good time, that's a start. At least he is listening to that part of himself that wants to be expressed. At the same time, he misses a great opportunity to get in touch with himself on a deeper level:

* To explore and honor his inner female energy.
* To gain a greater sense of self acceptance.
* To better understand his emotional needs.
* To nurture himself from WITHIN!

This was an opportunity for me to look at my life, to see how I fit in to the scheme of giving to others. Up until a few years ago, it never seemed important to me to give of my time and energy to other people, or to organizations. There were always more important things to be done: responsibilities with work and with family. The realization comes that I definitely **chose** **not** to become involved. I rationalized not having enough time because I didn't **want** to extend myself to help others.

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For many years, my life seemed narrow and limited; everything revolved around me. I was so busy looking at myself, there wasn't room for anyone or anything else. My behavior exemplified self-centeredness. This is judged by some to be a negative behavior, thereby making me a "bad" person. In truth, nothing can make us "bad". We may do or say something that isn't positive, but that doesn't affect our value as human beings. There is no such thing as a "bad" person, only someone who lives in ignorance or in fear. In order for people to change, they need to be accepted for who they are at a given point in time. Judging them only creates resentment and distance. Someone exhibiting negative behaviors is calling for help, for attention, for acceptance on some level.

This was certainly true for me. Growing up in a large family, I got very little attention. I developed a core belief that I wasn't worth listening to, or worth loving. This belief created feelings of frustration, anger, pain, and loneliness over the years. Not loving or accepting myself for who I was, I couldn't think anyone else would either. I went to great lengths to prove my worthiness. I was anxious to say the right thing, to do the right thing, to look right, to be right, so that I would be accepted -- so I could be part of the human race. That took so much energy that there was little left for anything or anyone else.

Tunnel vision described how I looked at the world. Trying to get my needs met took priority. There was no awareness of others around me needing help or nurturing. My behavior certainly must have seemed self-centered. Attention and affirmation from others was paramount, for I didn't know how to give it to myself. It wasn't until the twelve step recovery process entered my life that I could see how self-centered I was and why I behaved that way. Over the next six years, a slow internal transformation occurred, and I evolved into a more caring, sensitive, and nurturing person. This process came from my learning to nurture myself from within on a daily basis. Today, I'm learning to give of myself and my talents to individuals and to groups without depleting myself. This didn't happen because someone pointed a finger at me and said, "Get off it! . . . Stop thinking only of yourself!" No, I had to make the decision that I wasn't happy and then choose to do something about it.

You have to feel nurtured from within before you can feel you have enough to give some out to others. Unless, of course, you're a non-recovering co-dependent and feel that you **must** give to others before giving to yourself. There's a good car analogy here. What happens if you don't add oil to the engine? It doesn't run well, and will eventually break down. The same holds true for us. We need to maintain our self-love/nurturing level. If I'm running two quarts low on nurturing myself, I'm not going to operate at an optimal level. If I'm not there for myself, how can I possibly be there for others? And yet, how many of us have been taught not to think of ourselves first? At the other end of the spectrum, it's just as important not to over extend ourselves, giving to others, but not giving to ourselves in small, nurturing ways.

Today, I know the more I give the more I get, because it's a continuous circle of loving energy, and **everybody wins!** Two very important events created this shift in my life. I got sober. I stopped suppressing my fears and anger with alcohol. I began, for the first time in my life to feel my feelings. Second, I made a commitment to myself to listen to my intuition, **NO MATTER WHAT!** I also used twelve step support groups, read, and used many workshops and teachers.

Those experiences helped me to see the importance of accepting myself for who I am right now! Another significant insight dealt with nurturing myself from within. Whenever I rely on someone else to affirm my value, to make me feel okay, I am betraying myself! No one will ever be able to fill the void I feel inside because I'm the only one who can fill it -- from the inside out!

A friend taught me to develop a list of ten daily habits of nurturing to help me focus on taking better care of myself. The list is simple. Rather than have lofty goals that I might accomplish, but probably won't, it is just a reminder of some activities that can be done quickly and easily.

* Get seven hours of sleep.
* Drink eight glasses of water each day.
* Exercise.
* Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables.
* Refrain from drinking alcohol or smoking.
* Give thanks for what you have.
* Take time for quiet reflection, meditation, and prayer.
* Breathe deeply.
* Remember, you are worth loving.

For some, a daily walk, a bubble bath, eating lunch, or reading might be good items for their lists. I invite you to develop your own list, writing it down and looking at it daily to remind you of how to take better care of yourself.

For this community, I'd like to see a better sense of balance. Instead of the same small handful of individuals giving of themselves, it would be nice to see more people stepping forward to help. If this doesn't seem possible because of your lack of time, or feelings of paranoia, you may want to consider the following questions:

* Am I getting my needs met?
* Do I feel people value what I have to say?
* Do I feel acknowledged for who I am?
* Do I schedule time for myself regularly?
* Do I feel good about how I spend my time?
* Am I free of guilt about not doing more?

If you answered "No" to one or more of these questions, you may want to take some time to review whether or not you are giving yourself enough of a priority in your life.

When we honor ourselves, we usually honor the importance of others. When we give to ourselves, we give to others. This is an opportunity to consider how well you're doing in terms of honoring yourself today. The only way this community can grow and continue to be a vital force of support for you and for others is if each one of us is nurturing ourselves on a daily basis.

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Remembering . . .

Dear Editor:

lone-ly adj. -lier, -liest
1. alone; solitary 2. standing apart from others of its kind; isolated 3. unhappy at being alone 4. longing for friends, company, etc.

Do any of us really understand the scope of the problems our sisters face all over the world? How do we measure the breadth and depth of the problem? Can any of us remember the times of complete isolation we once endured? Can you see the faces of unknown sisters who are alone in the world?

The answer is "yes." Yes, we can see the faces in old photos of ourselves and our friends. Photos showing a lone individual, usually without a snile. Self-portraits taken in a room with a bed and a chain lock on the door. A door with rates and rules clearly posted. I must have fifty of these pictures sent with letters from girls as far awawy as Australia and Sweden. Most of them came in first letters after a copy of **TAPESTRY** fell into the hands of someone who desperately needed to know they were not alone in the world.

Those of us who are members of clubs and have friends all over the country and attend national functions often forget how it used to be. We have forgotten the isolation of our early years. We have forgotten crying in a motel room, dressed and alone.

These are just some of the thoughts that ran through my mind after I received a recent mailing from the IFGE seeking donations. I must have stared out the window for some time . . . remembering . . . thinking of how it used to be. It took a moment to dig into my purse and get out that wrinkled old twenty dollar bill I had stashed away for an emergency. It wasn't much when I consider how much I spent on a dress last week, but it was something. If all of us would just send "something", and that "something" made it possible to help just one girl . . . gave hope to just one person who was still alone . . .

--Catherine Lynn Andrews (OH-1770)

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A Response to a Response

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to two letters in Issue #57's Mailbag. First, I enclose a review I wrote of Mariette Pathy Allen's book for Spectator. Spectator, a California weekly, contains a lot of professional sex and contact advertisements, as well as reviews of sex books, films, and videotapes, and frequent contributions from psychologists, sociologists, educators, and sex industry workers about alternative sexualities and First Amendment Rights. While it certainly does not have the commercial, critical, or popular stature of Harper's, Atlantic, and other magazines that ignored Transformations, Spectator is gender-friendly, but by no means specifically a gender publication. Thus, its attention to Transformations is not meaningless.

Second, I'm glad Terri P. found Sybil's and my handout on Erotic Power Play useful; her answer to Priscilla's letter from #56 seems exactly right to me. Organizations and publications concerned with dominance and submission (DS), consensual sado-masochism (SM), and other facets of erotic power do tend to subdivide themselves into special-interest categories. One part of the reason is that within these small arenas many small communities of interest are still defining their needs, desires, and parameters. As we do in the gender community, thousands of people with erotic power interests sometimes wonder where (using their own terms in place of Terri's description) a hetero-submissive-masochistic-law-enforcement TV over 6' tall who's interested in light bondage and corsets might go for friendly company!?

What used to be called the "leather" community (now organized internationally as the National Leather Association, P O Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107) is in the evolutionary process of providing an umbrella for what some people now call the "fetish" community. Originally a gay and lesbian organization, NLA is explicitly open. Addressing the question head-on, one of its 1990 convention panels was called, "Gay, Straight, Bi: Are We One Community?" At the same convention, people with first-hand experience offered a panel on gender, a couple of the nation's premier corsetieres displayed their wares, and Terri would not have been the only law enforcement person attending.

A second part of the reason may be that we all seek like-minded communities as we learn to self-define. IFGE and NLA have some common interests, but they are also very differently focussed. Within the gender community we have MTF's, FTM's, TV's, TS's, TG's, FI's, SO's, and even a few GB's and GG's, and we have special-interest groups to serve every subdivision. So, too, in the leather/ latex/ fetish world, people seek communion with complementary or like-minded spirits as they seek to know and define their own individuality.

In answer to Terri's question, what we are to do -- or so it seems to me -- is to use the labels that are appropriate, that enable us to learn who we are, and that help other people who share our interests to get a general sense of us, then shed the labels like worn out skins and celebrate ourselves as individuals within the communities that supported our enlightenment.

William A. Henkin (CA)

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Feed Back and Feed Forward

Dear Editor:

Many thanks to Wendy Parker ("The Gender Community: Where are we going in the Nineties?" Issue #57) for focusing our attention on what is certainly the most important socio-political issue for the gender community in the 1990's: Unity. We can no longer afford squabbles between our various "T" interests and needs, or between "T" groups and the Gay and Lesbian community. In the game for future societal change away from discrimination, the ball has been thrown into our court. What a shame it will be if we drop it because of internal dissent. After reading Wendy's article, I have two thoughts: one is an addition to her theme, the other is a challenge for future thought.

In addition to guarding against dissent among gender community groups, we must also be careful not to allow petty disagreements over local issues to divide or polarize members within a group. To do so would only convince the public that we are uncertain about what we want. With a cynical public searching for reasons to put us down, we need not supply them. Yet, I suspect that every local support group has its internal factions. Wheras factions do have a valid role in spreading awareness of various opinions, we also need to remain aware of our highest priority: Public Attitude Change.

For future thought, I need to challenge the thought that love can be unconditional. I have read in several publications -- especially in the TV literature -- that, " . . . if only one were loved uncoditionally . . . " crossdressing would not make any difference to the relationship. I submit that love is never unconditional -- and rightly so. We fall in love with someone because certain conditions of personality and of behavior attract us. Although people change over time, those changes must be within certain limits or the relationship will erode. For instance, would my wife still love me if I decided to rob banks, steal cars, or rape strangers? What if I decided to attempt to resolve our disputes by beating her, or by claiming that all the money in the joint checking account were mine? Each individual has a right to decide what conditions are acceptable in a relationship, and these conditions should be communicated clearly for the purpose of compromise. Granted, some conditions are the result of bias, but claiming that love should be unconditional will not change the bias, and may lead to the dissolution of a relationship that cannot stand demands for perfection. As the song says, the essence of love is that one must " . . . give a little, take a little, and let your poor heart break a little." Beware of claiming that anything in life is unconditional.

Cheryl D. (NY)

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Sound Familiar?

Dear Editor:

As a new subscriber, I was thrilled to see my personal listing in Tapestry for the first time. I have been crossdressing for about twenty years, first making use of my sister's clothes, and later assembling a large collection of my own. It was not until I first saw my feminine name, Cynthia Anne WIlliams, in print that I finally came to believe that the long years of concealing my second identity in a cloak of secrecy were at last coming to an end.

I am, even now, unable to admit my crossdressing habit to members of my family, or to my friends. But, with increasing frequency, I find myself able to make clear reference to my transvestism when buying from or corresponding with strangers. More and more, when placing orders for dresses, or purchasing pantihose, I do not hesitate to use my real name, or to confess that the clothes are for me.

Bit by bit, my seemingly eccentric behavior is coming into focus as a perfectly normal part of my life. Subscribing to Tapestry, and seeing my name in its pages -- all part of my recent openness with strangers -- is only the latest milestone on a long history of my exploration of femininity and its particular charms. I can well remember my very earliest experiences as a crossdresser: wanting, at the age of six, to try on an attractive girl's blue ski jacket; wearing, at seven, a pair of my sister's orange leotards as part of a Hallowe'en costume (not to mention my constantly envying her the freedom to wear skirts); and, at eight, sneaking off with a pair of her panties to try on. For the next ten years, an attic full of old clothes provided me with everything I needed to learn about dresses and skirts, lingerie and high heels. At twenty, I decided to update my wardrobe with more recent fashions. It was Christmas time, and I figured that it would be assumed that the clothes I bought for myself were really for someone else, gifts for a girlfriend, perhaps. Soon after, I acquired the courage to make similar purchases on other occasions. This was a remarkable breakthrough for me. Yet, nothing compares with the encouragement I get from Tapestry's personal listings, where my name appears in black and white.

Cynthia Anne Williams (CAN)

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Response to Lofofora C.'s Letter in #57

Dear Editor:

Wow, did Lofofora C., the inmate at the California Correctional Institute, ever lay a guilt trip on you! While you make-believe TS Queans are gorging yourselves at the finest of restaurants, the true TS is languishing behind bars, unable to receive 'support.' Oh, Please, Give Me A Break! Lofofora, and others of her ilk, are in prison, not because they missed Sunday School for a month, nor because they crossed the street against the light. They are there because they are the most selfish, immoral, people in our society. They would rather beat up on old women to take their retirement checks, roll drunks, hold up mom-and-pop grocery stores, or extort money from honest people using threats of bodily harm, rather than put in an honest day's labor. In other words, they are nothing more than leeches on society. They suck the blood from honest men and women, rather than contribute to society. Let the sucker work, we'll take it away from him. A great motto to live by if you think like Lofofora and her cell-mates.

Though I am not a TS, I have heard/read many stories of TS's who have resorted to self mutilation, much the same as the convicts alluded to by Lofofora, with one great exception: these TS's worked hard for their place

in society. Many worked at skungie, dirty jobs for twelve and sixteen hours a day to get what little they have. They never once shoved a knife between someone's ribs to take their earnings from them.

But now, Lofofora is doing the same thing, not with a knife or a gun, but with guilt-bathed words. It's gimme, gimme, gimme! It is always the gimme with Lofofora, never give. Lofofora is where she is because she has no respect for her fellow human beings.

Jesus, in one of his many teachings, said, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Lofofora's letter reeks of self hate and envy. Your love and dedication will be rewarded with grief. A selfish person such as Lofofora will take all she can get, and leave you swinging in the wind. No amount of compassion and help will ever satisfy 'inmates' of this world.

Keep your eyes open.

Joan Hoff (MA)

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How Come and Why Not?

Dear Editor:

I am a twenty-two year old genetic female involved in a committed relationship with a thirty year old crossdresser. I am very understanding and supportive of her need to dress. I'm involved in this part of her life and enjoy helping her however I can. Although I am relatively new to the world of transvestism, I believe that men and women alike should not be tied down to their biological gender role. I think it's wonderful that this issue is now becoming more open and, hopefully, some day in the not too distant future, it will be accepted by most people. Why should one have to try to hide such a special and important part of themselves? It's really what makes them so unique. I now know that this is one of the reasons I love my partner as I do.

I realize that this topic is a controversial one, but I would like to voice my opinion on a couple of things which I am concerned about. First of all, I have taken the time to respond to approximately sixty personal ads from your magazine and, to my surprise, have only received about a 45% response rate. The letters I wrote were sincere and concerted efforts to make friends. Could you explain why someone would choose to place a personal ad if they do not intend to respond to an interested party? Granted, I have received some sincere and helpful responses from ladies such as Robyn G., Heidi Ann, and Valerie V., but it just doesn't seem right to shun someone who's just looking to make friends.

My second complaint stems from an issue which is very crucial to me. I had placed calls to two Mary Kay professionals, in order to have makeovers done for both of us. These women were more than willing to do a makeover on me, but practically downright refused to help my partner, even though she's a paying customer like everyone else. I am amazed at the amount of prejudice displayed by these so-called professionals. During my conversation with a local director, she showed quite a concern for her safety when approaching the issue about TV's. What did she think might happen to her? What did she think a crossdresser is, a sex maniac? Or some perverted lunatic in a dress?

Now, for some encouraging news. We have had a couple of positive experiences with the public. One example is the time we called an area photographer to do a portfolio for my partner. As it turned out, he had done portraits of TV's before, and was very comfortable with the idea. It was good to see that not everyone is afraid of something they don't understand.

So, in closing, I would like to say that I consider myself very fortunate to have been exposed to a culture which combines both the feminine and masculine aspects of society. Hopefully, everybody can experience this sensation.

JiIl C. (MA)

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Accolades, but Looking for the Edge

Sisters:

I recently discovered a two-year-old copy of your wonderful magazine. What a breath of fresh air! I could not put it down. I have read and reread the articles and the letters, and continue to do so. Finally, a magazine that I can truly call mine. Finally, people who express what I have felt for so long. Finally, a haven in a world that oft-times seems callous and indifferent to those of us who all too often feel that we just do not fit in. Let me elaborate.

I was beginning to feel that I was alone in my feelings that crossdressing is a gender issue and not a sexual one. All the magazines that I have previously seen have emphasized the sexual. Many were nothing more than photo after photo of a she-male having sex with another she-male, with a male, or with herself. Even the "classier" magazines had strong sexual overtones. I often felt cheated when, having purchased what I thought was a magazine oriented toward me, I found nothing more than articles and letters about the sexual exploits of people I thought were like me. But, those people were not like me, and that was not what I needed. I needed a forum that would discuss issues relevant to our culture. I needed reinforcement in knowing that others felt as I did (do), that our problems are gender connected, not sexual. I needed contact with my sisters out there who understand that our unique situation gives us a view of mankind that few "normal" people could even hope to approach.

We are a special group of people who live in a world that includes both male and female cultures. That is the world that I have sought to explore for so long. That is the world that, hopefully, I will be able to explore with the help of your organization. That is the world that we deserve. A world where we can be free to explore what makes us who we are. A world where we can be free to be who we are. A world where we can be free to share our feelings and thoughts. A world where we can support each other. A world, in short, that accepts us as the "special" people that we truly are and emphasizes the positive aspects of our unique culture.

We all need a little help at times. Your magazine seems the perfect forum for giving and receiving the help and reinforcement that we all too often seek. And, by supporting each other, we can hopefully extend a truly needed positive image to the public in

general.

There is so much that I want to say. Hopefully, this will be the forum that will allow future letters to express the feelings that I have held for so long, and are continuing to solidify into concrete thoughts.

To this end, please find enclosed a postal money order for $40.00 for a subscription to a more open and satisfying future. If your subscription rate has increased, please bill me, but, by all means, do not hold up delivery of your wonderful magazine.

Emily C. (NY)

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Food for Thought from Afterthoughts

Dear Editor :

More than a year has passed since the publication of my book, From Masculine to Feminine. Reaction from readers, coupled with the passage of time has given me a better insight on some conclusions I wish I'd made in the book and didn't.

The first is around the "You are not alone" syndrome. The longer I am involved in the "T" movement, the more I realize just how many "T's" are out there believing that they are the only ones " . . . who feel this way." The enormity of the guilt is staggering! As I write these words, I tremble to think of the number of men who will never read them, who will never know a Tapestry exists, who will never find out that there are perhaps millions of other "T's" in the world sharing the same secret.

Until I talked with so many "T's", heard from so many who came through the book, the Tapestry, or the movement in general, and came to the realization that the world is full of others who need and appreciate the feminie, I had no idea of the frustrations that exist. I had forgotten the loneliness of the closet . . . the furtive attempts to read anything written on the subject, to find out anything that would make a "T" feel less strange.

I now appreciate so much more the work of the IFGE, the Tri-Ess organization, the Outreach Institute, and the other groups and individuals who have so diligently labored to bring the "T" world into the light. The number of marriages maintained, families kept together . . . yes, even the number of lives saved, is incalculable.

So many of us owe so much to those who have actively shared of themselves and their resources, that there is little adequate way to express our thanks.

Another conclusion I've been able to reach within the past year is that the percentage of "T's" who are deluding themselves about their marriages is extremely high. Many times a "T" will tell me how well his married life is going. He'll explain how accepting his mate is. He'll tell me how it's OK with his wife, or significant other, if he wears women's clothes around the house, or if he wears a nighty to bed. How often have I heard the old refrain, "It really turns my wife on when we make love as two women."

When I talk privately to wives, I get another story. One on one, when the wives know there is no threat of my repeating what they say, I hear, "I'll do anything to keep my marriage together. But, I didn't marry a woman. Just between you and me, having my husband in a nightgown does very little for me, sexually, except turn me off."

So, what I'm really hearing is that there is a communications gap in many "T" marriages. Too few lines are being drawn by each party. Too many marriages are being kept together by the wife giving up more than she would prefer, than by a true understanding of the husband's "T" desires. If this is true, and I think it is, then a whole lot of listening needs to take place, if the married "T" wishes to stay that way.

No, I'm not on a one-woman campaign to clear up marriages, or to bring "T'ism" to the attention of the world at large. I am, however, still in a learning mode about the subject. Having written a book has inspired me to think how those of us with the ability to tell a story, or to assemble facts in a readable form should help along the learning process.

That's why I'll keep on writing, keep on learning, and, yes, keep on telling whoever will listen that this "T" life is not so bad after all. Especially when we know we are not alone.

Jenny Stevens (CA)

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Transvestism in the DSM III-R, A Letter from the NWGA Newsletter

To the Editor:

IFGE's list of concerns and your comment in July's NWGA Newsletter urge removing cross-dressing from DSM III-R. There may be a better approach.

Removal implies that cross-dressing poses no problems that call for counseling, yet most of the personal histories I've seen in this newsletter describe fairly lengthy periods of guilt and shame. A number of cross-dressers have told me they abused alcohol and even considered suicide before they came to terms with their need to dress. Many of these torments could have been alleviated with a knowledgeable therapist's help.

If the goal is to avoid branding cross-dressers as deviant without having to pretend that none of them ever needs counseling, why not use the pattern DSM III-R has established for homosexuality? While not listing being gay as aberrant in itself, DSM III-R includes a section headed "Ego-dystonic Homosexuality" to identify services to gay people who aren't comfortable with their orientation. A future revision of the DSM could list "Ego-dystonic Transvestism" to designate the discomfort that some cross-dressers experienxe at some times in their lives.

Anyone who feels that cross-dressing damages his worth as a human being should have access to psychotherapy to help him be comfortable with himself. Therapists who unserstand gender issues won't try to "cure" cross-dressing. What we work with is the client's feeling that he's not really OK.

People who are comfortable with cross-dressing don't need treatment. Those who are in emotional pain can benefit from professional help toward understanding and self-acceptance.

B. J. Seymour, A.C.S.W.,

Gender Identity Counseling,
Portland, OR

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Research Project on Transsexualism and the Law

Dear Tapestry Readers:

I am an English F to M who changed over sixteen years ago and am now thirty-five. I am doing post-graduate research into the law and transsexuals. I am very keen to contact groups (both F to M and M to F) and individuals in the United States.

I am paricularly keen to hear from contacts who would be willing to fill out a short questionnaire about the law in their states.

This is, I feel, a very important piece of work for English transsexuals. At present the law in England is still in the dark ages as far as TS's are concerned. We can't marry, get our birth certificates changed, would be sent to a prison of our original gender designation even after surgery, and are still open to all sorts of abuse.

If you feel you can help me, please contact me. I will, of course, pay expenses. I am also hoping to visit the States at some time during my research work, so I would hope to have tha opportunity to visit some contacts then.

Thanks a lot!

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Victoria Park,
Manchester, M13 OEP, ENGLAND

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It's All in Knowing What's What

Dear Editor:

I have checked out the other literature available for those of us who like to cross-dress and I am convinced that Tapestry is the best. In fact it is unique. It is the only magazine which takes a responsible approach to this phenomenon. If I ever came out of the closet, I would not be ashamed to show Tapestry to persons I know.

What convinced me was "Roger's Notebook #48." I have enough training in psychology to know rationalization when I hear it, and all that stuff I have read about " . . . exploring femininity . . . " and trying to emulate women is just that - a lot of mind games to explain (to ourselves) what we are doing to avoid looking at the fact that we are really exploring our sexuality or our sensuality.

I had to laugh at the suggestion, in one of your previous issues, that we join forces with the Women's Movement. The feminine image most cross-dressers try to create is far, far away from where the Women's Movement is. Cross-dressers seem to put emphasis on the soft, compliant, vulnerable, and sensual aspects of the female image. We wear clothing that is identified some way with sexuality and sensuality (judging from the photos and descriptions of interest which appear in the Personal Listings). The Women's Movement is concerned with power and equality issues. The only way they might support us issss in the area of our right to do what we want (need) to do. Otherwise, I would guess that they think we are dealing with an archaic image of the feminine in which lace, soft and slippery fabrics, tight undergarments, straight seams, cooking, sewing, and household chores were the major preoccupation of women.

I also appreciated "Roger's Notebook #50" and the editorial by K. J. Moore about the feelings of wives. They gave me a good perspective on what my wife must feel and about which she has tried to tell me. Both were painful to read, but very helpful. I came away from them resolved not to try to change my wife's decision not to participate in my fantasy. I also learned that I must devote more time as a man to responding to her needs for a man. Thanks for those items.

Linda F. (IL)

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A Bill of Gender Rights

Dear Editor:

The Decleration of Independence says, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, all men are created equal . . . " In reality, it is self-evident that neither all men nor all people are created equal. Rather, all people should be treated equally; no one should be denied the opportunity to live, work, or play simply because they are different. Different does not mean deficient. Different does not mean iess capable. Different does not mean less moral. Nor does different mean less honorable. Different simply means not exactly like the next person.

The intent of the U. S. Constitution is to guarantee equal treatment under the law. The role of the Constitution is to protect minorities from the majority when the majority is clearly and patently wrong. It is wrong to think that one's physical sex (and, therefore, one's sex role) is more important than one's intellectual or physical capabilities. Under this logic, women are "inferior," honosexuals are "inferior," and all transgendered people are "inferior" to the average white, adult, American male.

In recent months there has been movement among some gender groups toward coalitions of regional organizations. this is a good sign. It shows that groups can learn to work together - despite different philosophies - toward common goals. The main obstacle to building a real community is that no one has yet to articulate what those common goals should be. The Gender Rights offered here could become the focus of a national coalition of TV/TS/TG support groups. We would then have the common ground to speak out with one voice for our rights.

Some may ask, "Who are you to decide these things? How dare you speak for us?" My reply is, "I dare it because it must be dared - by someone, at least - if only so that wiser minds can argue with my choices, and, by arguing, clarify my vision."

So, argue with it, if you will, but show these "Rights" to your board of directors, publish them in your newsletters, but above all, adopt a group resolution that accepts these "Rights" as a national goal for the gender community.

Once enough support from our community has been achieved, we can take the next step to build a lobbying committee which will work with other minority groups in securing and protecting the rights of all people regardless of sex, sex-role, gender-

identity, gender-role, or sexual orientation. It is time to speak up. Silence=Death.

With my deepest sincerity and greatest respect,

JoAnn Roberts (PA)

A Gender Bill of Rights

The Right to Choose a Gender Role

Every human being has within themselves an idea of who they are and what they are capable of achieving. That identity and capability shall not be limited by a person's physical sex, nor by what any society may deem as "masculine" or "feminine" behavior. It is fundamental, then, that each individual has the right to choose a gender role that is comfortable for them, regardless of their genetic sex, or sex-role.

Therefore, no person shall be denied their Human or Civil Rights on the basis that their chosen gender role or perceived gender role is not congruent with their genetic sex or sex-role.

The Right to Freely Express a Gender Role

Given that each individual has the right to choose a gender role, it then follows that each individual has the right to freely express that gender role in any manner that does not infringe on the freedom of another individual.

Therefore, no person shall be denied their Human and Civil Rights on the basis that a private or public expression of their chosen gender role or perceived gender role is not congruent with their genetic sex or sex-role.

The Right to Make One's Body Congruent with Gender Role

Given that each individual has the right to choose a gender role, it then follows that each individual has the right to change their body or alter its physiology so it better fits their chosen gender role. These changes may be cosmetically, chemically or surgically induced, provided these changes are supervised by the appropriate licensed professional, and the individual accepts sole responsibility for their actions in this regard.

Therefore, no person shall be denied their Human or Civil Rights on the basis that they changed or wish to change their body cosmetically, chemically, surgically, or any combination of these, to better fit their chosen gender role.

The Right to Sexual Expression Congruent with Gender role

Given that each individual has the right to choose a gender role, it then follows that each individual has the right to express their sexuality within their chosen gender role.

Therefore, no person shall be denied their Human or Civil Rights on the basis of sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation. Further, no individual shall be denied their Human and Civil Rights for expressing their chosen gender role through private sexual acts between consenting adults.

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Is it the Way it Seems?

Dear Editor:

I just went to my first transsexual meeting. It took a lot of guts to go. I finally got there and thought it would be great. Instead, the meeting was full of the same sort of experiences that some of the articles in the Tapestry relate. I guess the same type of person goes to this meeting as writes some of the articles for the Tapestry.

All they talked about was how everyone never stopped looking at them, their dresses, or their shoes. I didn't say it, but I wondered why these people never stopped looking at others. True girls would love to have that kind of attention. They want people never to take their eyes from them, their shoes, their clothes, etc. But these transsexuals don't want attention, and are so paranoid and strange, no wonder people look at them strangely and not normally. I guess these people in the group meant that people were looking at them strangely all the time, instead of normally as people are supposed to do.

The point of this is, why can't I go to a meeting or read Tapestry without hearing some sick people shout their paranoid delusions. Yet, I still want to be a woman, even if 90% of the transsexuals are paranoid and sick with deep mental problems. I will try to find the 10% who are normal, who like to see and be seen, who like to be as beautiful as possible, just as real women do.

The people at the meeting were just losers. I think, however, that your magazine could be more informative. I think you should have more in-depth interviews with people, and more follow-ups on your articles. Not just a couple of experiences, and then I got my surgery, and now I am feeling fine. Be more scientific, not just have people project their sick fears, paranoid thoughts, or angry complaints. I have read too much of this, and heard too much of this kind of excrement at the meeting tonight. If I choose to be a woman and not go to these meetings with such demented people, at least I could then read an interesting magazine, if you heed my suggestions. I hope this letter is helpful to you or to your readers.

Maria J. (NY)

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Is Beauty a Key Factor Behind Cross-dressing?

Dear Editor:

As a CD myself, I found myself asking the question, "Why?" and coming up with the same old response, "I don't know."

Having eight years in advertising led me to question whether or not subliminal advertising was a key factor. I believe it is a contributor to the fact, but not the sole factor. For those of you unfamiliar with subliminal advertising, these are ads containing hidden messages that only the subconscious mind can detect.

For instance, the human eye can read through paper, and the advertiser takes advantage of that fact. Even color is a key factor. Certain colors are used to trigger certain responses in the human psyche. For instance, a restaurant might use certain shades of color in their establishments to inflict a psyche hunger into your mind. And you thought you were hungry when you entered! These messages might be found in street signs, in books, they are even used beneath music in department stores to hold down the rate of shoplifting. Sound beneath sound is used because the human ear detects the

message, but only your suconscious mind can sort it out.

Subliminal messages can be found on the skin of models appearing on the covers of magazines, or in ads. The advertiser uses the models' beauty to catch your eye, which in turn is drawn to the subliminal message. However, subliminal advertising has only been around for a short time, and cannot be a key factoer in cross-dressing.

Cross-dressing dates back to the creation of man, or should I say, woman? Beauty, then, is a key factor behind cross-dressing. Beauty, like the subliminal advertisement, seems to have a direct influence on the human psyche. Even an infant child can detect the difference between beauty and ugliness. For instance, a child will smile or laugh at its mother or a beautiful person, whereas it will cry or become upset at an image of ugliness or a person with harsh features.

I tried to write a poem once that would express my feelings as a cross-dresser. I never took the poem beyond the first draft. The opening lines, however, went something like this, "I was born a simple caterpillar, in a world of butterflies." Beauty reigns over our lives. As caterpillars, we are seeking our rightful place among the butterflies.

Comfort Desiree G. (WA)

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Coming out to One's Spouse or Significant Other

Dear IFGE:

Thank you so much for being there.

I have been frightened and in the far back corner of my closet for as long as I can remember. Thirty -five years of fear, denial, deception, and self-doubt are far too many. Far more than anyone should be forced to endure. Since discovering your group and, through you, the Northwest Gender Alliance in Portland, Oregon, it has finally begun to penetrate my thick skull that I am not crazy, immoral, or perverted. We (I) have as much right to express how we perceive ourselves and our personal views as any other human being on this planet! It does not matter that we may seem eccentric to "normal" society.

Without Tapestry it would not have been possible for me to start making peace with myself. Because of your fine work, I now feel much better about myself. I feel considerably more confident. More competent to deal with family and the world openly and honestly.

Because of my dishonesty with myself and lack of self esteem, I have lost important job opportunities, failed to advance in other positions, and generally kept myself from reaching a level anywhere near my real potential.

There have been a few occasions when I have tried to come out and face the world. It has never succeeded. Even my wife pushed me back into the closet.

I am, at last, prepared to deal with my spouse about my cross-dressing. The few times that we have attempted a dialogue, the results have been disastrous. Most of that has been due to my own mishandling of the situation.

As part of another attempt at having her try to understand and cope with my transgender compulsion, I wish to order Dr. Peggy Rudd's book, My Husband Wears My Clothes. It is my belief that this book will address the issues in a clearer manner than I have. Because it was written from the perspective of the wife of a cross-dresser, it should express points that I might not even consider. Possibly allowing us to deal with my transvestism more realistically and effectively. Thereby leading to a more contented, satisfying, and productive life for my whole family.

I have just started my journey into the light. I doubt that it will be an easy road to travel. I owe all of you ladies a great debt of gratitude for proving to me that it is a road worth traveling.

Please maintain the quality and integrity of your work. It is desperately needed.

Michelle F. (WA)

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Uh, You're Welcome, I Guess

Dear Ms. Lynn:

I want to thank you and your International Gender Organization for holding your recent convention at the Regency in Denver. I wasn't there when you were, but my stay was made more pleasant by your having been there first.

To begin with, I would like to thank all members of your Gender Foundation for having cleaned up after themselves. The few chambermaids I talked to were just plain stunned that folks who carried around so much truck could be so neat and tidy. It also sounded as if your Foundation Educators left good tips, and that always helps folks to feel good and be nice. Maybe they were just trying push me a little, but it sounded as if they really were impressed. One morning, one of the maids told me I smelled nice. I don't know if that means your Internationals smelled nice, or not so nice, but it sure got my bustle moving a little more sprightly, yes ma'am!

Thank you, too, for taking whatever you used for signs and displays along with you. It's so often the case that the bill-boards and whatever are just stuck here and there around the hotel after a convention leaves and the inside of the hotel gets a little like the drive-way to the dump. Then there's always something that has glitter on it, and I don't care how you try, I've never seen it leave a rug in less than six months. I could tell none of you used glitter. Thanks!

Now, I don't know about you, Ms. Lynn, but I like to wear what's comfortable for where I'm going and what I'm doing. If I'm not off to visit the Queen of England, I don't put on my best bib and tucker, if you get my drift. Some times, when I go into a restaurant, I get shuffled of to Buffalo, being a little plain, a little old, and alone. Did that happen at the Regency? Not a bit of it! I got good seating and top service, and I didn't have to lay a Jackson on the maitre d' to make it happen, either. They treated me just like I was quality. Some of the waiters had a kind of glazed look, as if they'd seen every possible way you could wrap the human form in the last few days. Maybe that had something to do with it. Two different people

told me I looked nice when I just had on slacks, a sweater, and a pair of Keds, but one of them looked as if she had just gotten into the habit of saying that to everyone she saw. Even so, it certainly brought out the moon for me.

In short, I just want to thank you and your Gender Internationals for making my stay at the Regency so much better than it usually is. I had to leave better tips this time, but for service and treatment like that, I'll do it again anytime!

Anna Madrigal
West of Laramie

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POET'S CORNER

The following musical masterpiece (with apologies to Dr. Hook) was beautifully performed by the Sludge Twins, Zelda and Brumhilde, at the Texas T-Party, February 22, 1991.

ON THE COVER OF TAPESTRY

lyrics by Donna E. Mobley

Well, we're TV stars, we do all the bars
And we're loved everywhere we go.
Yeah, we do our best to be overdressed
And we give all the folks a show.
We've got all the clothes that money can buy
But the thrill we've yet to see
Is the thrill that'll get ya when you get your picture
On the cover of Tapestry.

Wanna see my picture on the cover
Gonna send five copies to my mother
Wanna see my glam'rous face
On the cover of Tapestry.

We've got press-on nails that'll never fail
And our hair's from Paula Young
Took the training wheels off our five-inch heels
When we stopped falling on our bums.
Well, we shaved our legs, got our noses fixed,
Got the biggest feet you'll ever see
And a face by Jim Bridges, but we can't get our pictures
On the cover of Tapestry.

Wanna see my picture on the cover
Gonna save three copies for my brother
Wanna see my smiling face
On the cover of Tapestry.

Did a solo shot on Donahue
In a gen-u-ine Mackie gown.
Got a tracheal shave, electrolysis,
And a ticket to Provincetown.
Well my therapist says that it's OK
To be the girl I wanna be
And my life's getting richer, but I can't get my picture
On the cover of Tapestry.

Wanna see my picture on the cover
'Cus I'm a cheesecake lover
Gotta see my gorgeous face
On the cover of Tapestry
On the cover of Tapestry
Gotta see my picture on the cover
Gonna send five copies to my mother
Wanna see my gorgeous face
On the cover of Tapestry.

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"PILGRIMS"

Kyndel Fay M. Kellis

A candle is made-formed
placed in its holder the flame begins
small, dim
burns and consumes itself
growing brighter

The flame
reaches up
away from itself
bound by its body
yet seeking release

The flame
dances to escape

The flame
buffeted by breeze
stilled by calm

Grows brighter
and is dimmed

Always moving
changing
being
becoming

It does not learn from others
how to burn
yet uniquely
It burns as others

Until the wick
its spirit released
is spent

Leaving but a memory
of illumination

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Hanging On By My Fingernails
by Chris Howey

When you have a dream, don't let it slip,
Keep it safely in your grip.
That's what I do with my femme person,
Hanging on by my fingernails, which I've been nursin'
For so many years to a length quite lovely.
Oval-shaped and smooth and far-and-abovely
Too long for any macho male to own,
These digits could cause my 'cover' blown.
So I curl my hands into tight little balls,
Hiding my talons from one and alls.
But sometimes I notice an errant eye stray
When I'm not being careful and a nail gets away.
And I see someone wonder why those nails are on a he.
I simply answer, in my head, "They're not, they're on me."

Change of Life
1967
Virginia Prince

From the unplumbed depths of Nature
We all seem to hear a call
For there is a little bit of rabbit
That resides within us all.

So an egg and sperm are mated
And the process, once begun
Took its long, slow, nine-month course
Till at last there came . . . a son!

Who knows how genes are activated
Or how chromosomes combine?
All potentials for our future lives
In those mysteries are enshrined.

What parts of what a person is
Are set forth conception day,
And what parts does he acquire
As he travels down life's way?

Is all of what we say and do decided
By a self that's wholly free
Or by unknown determinants
With which we unconsciously agree?

I cannot give these answers
Nor can the wise man say,
For all I know with certainty
Is what I am today.

Many years have gone to history
Many testings I have passed.
Many questions have been answered
Though many more the questions asked.

Through lots of pain and turmoil
I've done as life required
I've met the challenges of manhood,
I reached the goals that I desired.

I've lived the road expected
And done as I ought to do,
As an athlete and a scholar,
Husband twice, and father, too.

But this life for all its pleasures
Was somehow not complete
For always deep within me
Another heart there seemed to beat.

A man's life has limitations
Of which he's often not aware
He's so busy living "manhood"
That he doesn't seem to care.

Men can express a lot of things
But much he must repress,
While women have more freedom
Their feelings to express.

With males and females in each species
Nature's worked things out okay
And for reproductive purposes
There is no better way.

But in two genders human life
Completely is expressed.
Each of us part of the total lives
Knowing little of the rest.

For society takes half from each of us
Telling us the other half's forbidden.
So, if we've feelings like that other half
We'd do well to keep them hidden.

Repressing talents and abilities
I say's unwise and wrong.
Our society needs all of each of us
To be healthy, safe, and strong.

I've been divided long enough
Now toward completion I'll advance
And in the years still left to me
I'll give my other half her chance.

There's a girl who's lived within me
Seeking exit to the light
She says, "Full Personality Expression"
Is every human's right.

You say womanhood has its problems, too,
This I'll doubtless come to see
As I spend my life exploring
My own femininity.

Yes, today I have decided
That on tomorrow's morn
My life takes a new direction
A new woman will be born.

In fifty years of masculinity
I've extracted all it's worth
So now thankfully do I celebrate
This day of my rebirth.

Not one who on occasion lives
A stolen hour now and then
But one whose life's completely hers
To live from now till . . . When?

Of man's thoughts, and drives, and motives
I think I've had full measure.
Now it's time for softness, grace, 'n' beauty
And other things that women treasure.

From masculine expectations
In the future I'll be relieved
For I can spend my life expanding
The womanhood I've achieved.

There'll be freedom now for many things
And in all I do rejoice,
For within my heart is singing
And it sings in a different voice.

For now at last and finally
I stand in public freed
I feel, I think, I act, I live
A true woman, now, indeed.

What and when and how and why,
And also where and who . . .
These questions must be dealt with
By me as well as you.

But I care not of how and where and why
nor about another's view,
For my identity is solid
If I know what, when, and who.

Who knows whether in my embryo
Whose travails none could see
There was something predetermined?
Perhaps this was meant for me.

So, condemn me if you have to
And challenge me if you can
But I'll live thirty years as a woman . . .
After serving fifty years, a man!

Epilog 1973

'Tis now five years, or thereabouts
Since I made my big decision.
Through all of them I've learned so much
I'd not make the least revision.

My hair is long and curly now,
It's been permanently waved.
My face has had its beard removed,
I no longer have to shave.

My skin is soft and smooth and
The breasts I have are "B"
A fulfillment that they're really mine
No more falsies now for me.

My total self I have explored
And in the process grown
Till all the traits my genes possessed
At last are all my own.

Two ways there are to deal with life,
The man's way and the woman's.
I have the choice of either now,
So I feel more fully human.

How long I'll live I do not know,
It's a race you cannot win,
But I'll die a liberated person
Who's expressed both "Yang" and "Yin."

A gender role's a prison,
From which everyone should be free
So each of us can live up to
Our true humanity.

- end -

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Dressing alone on a Snowy Evening

by Bobbi (with apologies to Robert Frost)

Whose clothes these are . . . I think you know.
Her work is in the city, though.
She will not see me standing here
to model my own fashion show.

My lovely wife would think me "queer"
to slide into these stockings, sheer,
then let this slip drop 'round me, thus,
this special evening of the year.

I give the wig a gentle shake
then fill the bra with padding, fake.
The only sound's the gentle sweep
of silken skirt around me draped.

My eyes, now lovely, dark, and deep
gaze at this secret I must keep.
For "her" soul . . . buried, they do weep.
For "her" soul . . . buried, they do weep.

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Excursion off the Road to Trinidad

by Kyndel Fay Mercedes Kellis

On the road to Trinidad
my vanities led me astray.

They lured me off the main thoroughfare
to bright lights,
glamour,
pageantry most gay.

Glitter and shine
love of an audience, oh so fine.

Costumes, gowns, costing more than my car.
Adrenaline pumping high,
applause,
I'm a star.

Admirers give money,
kisses on cheeks, everybody calls me honey.

Beginning weak kneed I knew I'd falter.
"Am I blue?"
Confidence.
Now dance, g-string/halter.

Wild women do.
Given the chance, opportunity, wouldn't you too?

Hot summer nights, the showgirl makeup runs.
Mirror glance, correction.
Flawless!
Spotlight, music, fun.

Sun never sets
in the land of the midnight sun.

I have new friends, new family, true.
Full acceptance finally
arrived.
Don't feel blue.

Comes the contest
to determine who is the most fair.

Astonishment, the bitch! pulled off her hair!
No woman this.
Lipstick
smudged across face.

Crowd goes wild!
Then comes Ms Mercedes, wail'n ball & chain
A new diversion
appears. A crown, title, esteem grows anew.

Ecstacy Princess, Kyndel Fay girl that's you.
I'm a success.
Queen?
Just a test.

New princess, star!
To see me they come from afar.

A little numb this life's not bad.
Still remember Trinidad.
. . . . . sometimes.
Girl . . . so sad.

What's wrong Princess?
Why do you stay on your couch?

Your eyes no longer twinkle, posture slouched.

Anger to all
except
You. Detour? Who?

Four days crying
and suddenly you see . . . darling you're lying.

To your own spirit you're not being true, are you?
Seeing
you begin anew.

Find reverse gear.
back outa here, find the road again.

Only you can save your own day.
Dues are paid.
Now
go! Don't delay.

On the road to Trinidad
my vanities led me astray.

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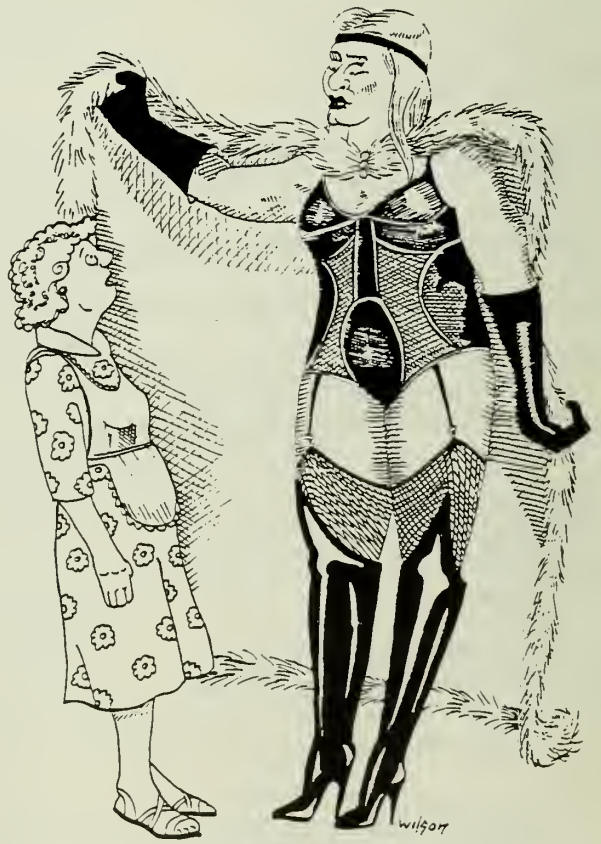

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SPECIAL FEATURE:

Fantasia Fair

THE FANTASIA FAIR EXPERIENCE
THE DIRECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Introduction:

The following article was taken from an interview by Merissa Sherrill Lynn (MSL) with **Ariadne Kane**, the Founder and Director of both the 'Human Outreach and Acheivement Institute' (HOAI, the Institute), and 'Fantasia Fair'. The interview was not recorded, so the questions and answers are not verbatim.

The purpose of this article is to give the reader a clear understanding of the purpose of the Fair, and the careful planning that goes into it. Nancy Cole's superb article, 'The Fantasia Fair Experience - A Participant's Perspective,' gives a wonderful example of the results of that careful planning.

A bit about the Institute, and the Fair:

The Human Outreach and Achievement Institute is a non-profit organization established in 1975. The Institute is an educational organization that primarily targets two specific audiences: healthcare professionals and the gender community. The Institute's services include educational seminars and workshops, GAIN (Gender Awareness and Iformation Network, an information service for professionals only), and Fantasia Fair. Other services include such programs as 'Hopeful' (a program for couples), and 'A National Conference for the New Woman' (a program for the post-op TS).

Fantasia Fair is a 10-day event, beginning the first Friday after Columbus Day. 1991's Fair is scheduled for October 18-27.

The first Fantasia Fair, held in 1975, was loosely modeled after the successful 'DREAM' program then being held in Oregon, and was scheduled to coincide with special Halloween activities in Provincetown, Massachusetts. Since that time the Fair has become a tradition, a pilgrimage that literally thousands of people have taken. Besides being one of the largest and most popular events, the Fair is the oldest continuously running event being offered to the CD/TS Community today.

During its 17-year history the Fair has made many significant contributions to the CD/TS Community. It was the first event to offer an opportunity for personal growth in the practical, social, and educational areas in an integrated fashion. It was the first to help individuals clarify issues related to perception of gender roles and identity. It was the first event to offer programs specifically for wives and female partners. But perhaps the Fair's greatest contribution is its unique ability to generate new and dynamic leadership for the CD/TS Community. Fantasia Fair is truly a remarkable and valuable event.

(photo: Helen Strong)
Ariadne Kane (R), Founder and Director of Fantasia Fair, with Janis Walworth, Publishing Assistant

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A bit about Provincetown (P-town), the site of the Fair:

P-town is located on the tip of Cape Cod, as remote a location as can be found in Massachusetts. Being located on what seems to be an island in the middle of the ocean, P-town was a natural to become a fishing and whaling center. For nearly three centuries it thrived as a predominantly Portuguese fishing village, until the late 19th and early 20th centuries when tourists and artists discov-

ered P-town's natural beauty. Along with the tourists and artist came shops and guest houses, many of which were owned by members of the Gay Community. Today P-town is a harmonious blend of Portuguese fishermen, Gay people, artists, writers, tourists, and an occasional civilian. In P-town alternative lifestyles are protected and respected.

The Interview:

MSL:
What is the primary objective of Fantasia Fair?

Ariadne:
The Fair is intended to be a living and learning experience, a 10-day personal growth experience. We intend to provide our participants the best possible means for them to explore their gender perceptions and personas. Our objective is to provide for our participants the best growth experience possible.

MSL:
Who is the Fair for?

Ariadne:
The Fair is primarily targeted towards male crossdressers who are interested in exploring their "femininity". However, we do offer programs for wives and female partners, for transsexuals, and for female-to-male persons. We place a very heavy emphasis on newcomers, people who have the most need for personal growth. For the veterans, the Fair tends to be more of a vacation in a unique and beautiful place, an opportunity to be the way they want to be for 10 days, a chance to see old friends, a chance to help newcomers, and to make new friends. Again, however, our emphasis is on those who have a need or desire for personal growth.

MSL:
You keep stressing personal growth. Could you clarify what you mean by that?

Ariadne:
We concentrate on three areas of personal growth. The first area is the practical, the basic 'art and illusion' stuff; make-up, comportment, accessories, wigs, etcetera. The second area is the social. We want people to develop social skills and learn how to relate as their femme personas, as "Jane", and not as "Jack". We also want to take them out in the world and teach them how to relate to other people instead of to mirrors, or just to other crossdressers. The third area is educational. We will provide workshops and seminars to help people overcome ignorance about the crossdressing and transsexual phenomena, to learn about themselves, and to learn about their relationships. We help people get their personal act together.

MSL:
I would like to know more about how you go about achieving that objective, and I'll ask you more about that in a minute. But, right now I'd like to know more about the length of the Fair. It's a 10-day 9-night event, nearly double the length of any other event. Why so long?

Ariadne:
For many reasons. First, 10-days is a reasonable length of time for a vacation, and gives people an extended period of time to dress as they choose. However, more importantly, it provides the participant with a far better opportunity to get to know themselves. If a person goes to a three, or four, or even a five day event, when the event is over they are usually still on an emotional high, but they are ready to go home. What happens on the sixth day? The ninth day? People grow. People learn. They learn about themselves, and what they learn may or may not be what they hoped they would learn.

MSL:
Why did you select Provincetown to be the site of the Fair? Wouldn't a more metropolitan area such as Boston be more accessible and have more adequate facilities?

Ariadne:
True, almost anywhere else would have better facilities, and if we held the Fair in Boston far more people would be able to attend. However, Boston is not Provincetown, and neither is New York, or San Francisco, or any place else. P-town is unique. It has a large and well established gay population, which makes it a tolerant and open community, respectful of alternative lifestyles. Our participants can wander around town, go shopping, and go to church without fear.

Another reason for selecting P-town is the number of marvelous guest houses available for our use. Our participants will be together for an extended period of time, and the smaller guest house atmosphere really gives people a chance to get to know each other, to bond, and to develop friendships. This is not something we could achieve in a larger less personal setting.

MSL:
Why did you select late October for your event?

Ariadne:
Because tourist season has ended in P-town, it's a lot less crowded, but most of the stores and restaurants are still open. Also, it's foliage season and it's a beautiful time of the year to be on Cape Cod, and the temperature is cooler, making it a good time to dress. Also, off-season rates are in effect, making it the most economical time to be in P-town.

MSL:
Now let's go back to your objective. I understand your primary objective is to provide a personal growth experience. I also understand you target three areas of growth, the practical, the social, and educational. Could you break down the Fair for me, and describe, on a daily basis, your strategy for achieving your objective?

Ariadne:
Well, we have what amounts to three groups, those who come for the first weekend, those who come for the second weekend, and those who come for the entire event...

MSL:
So people can attend the Fair just for a weekend?

Ariadne:
Yes. They can come for any or all of it.

MSL:
Then do you have special programming just for the day-trippers and weekenders?

Ariadne:
We do for the weekenders but not for the day-trippers.

MSL:
Tell me about the first Friday.

Ariadne:
Well, the first day is a scary time for newcomers, so we concentrate primarily on their needs. Each guest house is assigned a Housemother, someone who will make sure newcomers will be taken

care of. Then we have Hostesses to make sure no one gets lost, and Big Sisters to make sure newcomers learn their way around, and immediately have at least one new friend. In the evening we have an informal cocktail party followed by dinner on the town. The whole first day is designed to get people settled, to unwind, to make friends, and to prepare them for the week to follow.

MSL:
And the rest of the week?

Ariadne:
By Saturday morning most newcomers have had a chance to settle in and meet some people. However, they still don't know what to expect from the town or from the rest of the Fair. Therefore, we'll concentrate on getting people oriented, and on clarifying the issues that need to be worked on for the rest of the week. That evening we'll try to work people into gaining greater social confidence and skills. We'll do that with an event called 'Ladies Night', which is a social mixer in the manner of a ladies' social club.

Sunday morning is our first attempt to weave our participants into the P-town community. We do this through services at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Then the rest of the day is used to complete the weekend programs and prepare participants for the week ahead. That night we'll try to build stronger relationships within each guest house by holding 'Get To Know Your Family' cocktail parties in each residence.

By Monday morning the weekenders have left, the initial "high" has either mellowed or dropped off, and it's time to go to work. We begin a five day 'Fashion/Beauty/Charm School' which is specifically designed to teach people how to function in the world in their femme personas. Rehearsals for the Fashion Show and the Fan/Fair Follies begin, and our educational seminars begin. That evening we will have our 'Town & Gown' seminar, which is an educational and social event with members of the P-town community.

MSL:
Let me see if I understand. The first three days are basically designed to get people warmed up for the rest of the Fair, and still take care of the needs of those that are just there for the weekend. Sunday night is a transition period separating the weekend crowd from the rest of the Fair. On Monday you shift gears and get into the real meat of the Fair with the beauty school which is the practical, the seminars which is the educational, and the mixers with the townspeople which is the social.

Ariadne:
That's correct.

MSL:
Tell me how the Fashion Show and the Follies fit into this.

Ariadne:
The rehearsals are designed to teach people practical skills and confidence. The Show and the Follies provide an opportunity to put those skills and that confidence to use.

MSL:
So these events are not just for the purpose of having fun.

Ariadne:
Most everything at the Fair is fun, but again, the purpose is to provide a balanced personal growth experience.

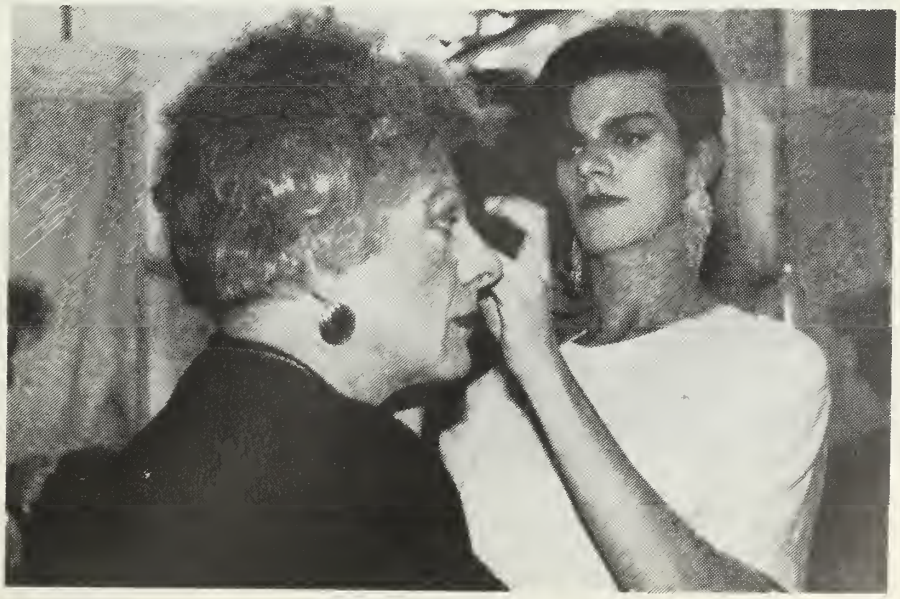
MSL:
What about the rest of the week?

Ariadne:
The rest of the week is pretty much a continuation of what we began on Monday - the Beauty Course, the seminars, and outings such as the whale watch. However, each evening program has a different purpose. For instance, the Tuesday Fashion Show is the first time our people have a chance to perform for the general public. Wednesday's Outreach Banquet is intended to take the participants beyond the Fantasia Fair and P-town boundaries and introduce them to major players in the CD/TS community. It is also intended to honor persons who are not members of the Institute or participants of the Fair. Thursday evening's Fan/Fair Follies is one of the most important programs to coalesce the three aspects of personal growth. It also communicates who we are, shares our fantasies, and our feelings with a warm and receptive public audience. Friday night's Fantasy Ball is a party. The participants have worked hard all week, and the Fair is about to come to a close, so let's let loose and party, and let's share a good time with our friends from the P-town community.

Saturday night is something special. It is our grand finale - a way to summarize the Fair, and bring the Fair to a close. We do this by honoring ourselves, and the knowledge we have gained, and our newfound social and practical skills. We also honor our confidence, and our pride. It is to honor the laughter, the tears, and the memories, and the friends we've made. It is a very special evening.

Sunday is the time to pack up and say goodbye, that is, goodbye with our objectives met.

MSL:
Ariadne, thank you very much, and I wish you a most successful Fair for 1991.



"Finishing touches"
(photo: Helen Strong)

[Special thoughts shared by Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Executive Director of the International Foundation for Gender Education, with the Fan/Fair '91 participants during the Saturday evening awards banquet.]

Fifteen years ago I came to the Fair for the first time, and was immediately put to work. I've been working ever since.

For fifteen years I've been waiting to say this... "I love Fantasia Fair!"

We at I.F.G.E. have an objective, an objective we hope we share with all of you. We want to build a happier and brighter future for all. To do that we must learn to care about ourselves, and then about other people. Isn't that exactly what the Fair is about; learning to care about ourselves and other people?

We must also be able to respect other people's differences. When it comes to respecting other people's differences, Provincetown is Mecca!

We must also be willing to put out some effort on behalf of other people. That effort must be both physical and financial. That means we need leaders.

The Fair is a comprehensive and therefore expensive event. In order to afford to attend, you must already be successful people. Successful people equals leaders. Fantasia Fair is a cradle for our community's leaders.

In I.F.G.E. alone look at the leaders that have come from the Fair. I came from the Fair. The Chairman of our Board of Directors, Wendi Pierce... Your own 'Miss Fantasia Fair', and member of our Executive Committee, Sheila Kirk... The Chairman of our Legal & By-Laws Committee Naomi Owen... The Chairman of our Educational Resources Committee Eve Burchert... And the list goes on and on.

Ariadne Kane (L) and Merissa Lynn (R)
(photo: Nancy Cole)

The Winslow Street meeting, 1990:
IFGE Fund Raising Committee: Michelle Moore, Joni Chrissman, Merissa Lynn, Laura Smiley, Dana Houston, Yvonne Cook, Wendi Pierce
(Missing: Kerri Reeder, Jane Fee)
(photo: Nancy Cole)

You want to know who will be our next generation of leaders? Look across your table! Look to your left - then your right - then most importantly look to yourself!

I love Fantasia Fair! I love it because of you wonderful people, and because of your importance to us all.

So, when it comes time for you to contribute, either physically, or financially, remember the Fair... not because it's important to you..., or to those hundreds of people who will attend the Fair in the future. Contribute because of those tens of thousands of people out there who need us! Contribute for the sake of our community, and all those people whose lives we touch!

Thank you all for being you, and for being here. And Ari, God bless you for making the Fair possible!

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THE FANTASIA FAIR EXPERIENCE
A PARTICIPANT'S PERSPECTIVE

by Nancy Cole

In October 1990, Fantasia Fair turned "sweet sixteen."

The age of sixteen holds a certain magical and mystical quality that defies definition or explanation. It is a time when the child, though still mischievous and free-spirited, matures, full of life and ready to go forth into the world. Like that child, everyone who attends Fantasia Fair experiences a period of growth and transition. It simply cannot be helped. As Fantasia Fair celebrated its sixteenth year, it also experienced a period of growth and transition.

What made "sweet sixteen" special, not only for me, but for many others, was we could see the Fair itself reaching maturity while still retaining its child-like joy and fun. On this, its 16th year, Fan Fair, like our community as a whole, stands on the brink of moving into a new era, one of unparalleled growth and importance. So, for a moment, let's look at how we celebrated Fan Fair's sweet sixteenth.

Coming from all over the world, with bags stuffed beyond capacity with outfits, and hearts pounding with anxious anticipation, we descended upon Provincetown, a beautiful fishing village on the tip Cape Cod. We came from Mexico City, from Britain, from Hawaii, from Norway, from Switzerland, and even from far off Provincetown. We came from just about every state north and south of the Mason-Dixon and from both sides of the Great Divide. When we completed our pilgrimage to P-town, New England greeted us as only New England could; with wind, rain, and for the first few days temperatures much akin to fire. While most of us were prepared for rain, few expected the tropical heat wave that swept the Cape AFTER the threat of the hurricane subsided.

On Friday, while we were being shuffled through registration, old friends freely passed around hugs and greetings. To the side stood the new girls, first timers waiting and watching. In their eyes you could see the longing to join in, the desire to make that last leap across the imaginary gap that separates our self-imposed closets from the rest of the world. For a moment, it was interesting to remember that the only difference between myself and the new girls was a helping hand, a sister who had herself made the big step, and in turn, was willing to reach back and help me. The new girls did not have long to wait. House mothers, room-mates, and just about everyone connected with the Fair reached out, giving them the last gentle nudge they needed to join the fun. For those we missed during the day, the welcoming party that night provided a wonderful atmosphere in which we could continue to catch up on a year's worth of stories, gossip, and news, while getting to meet and mix new friends with old.

On Saturday morning, with a hurricane hovering behind her, Betty Ann Lind, the Fair's Coordinator, began Orientation. The rules, which were mercifully few, were explained, celebrities introduced, and the secrets to having a good Fair,

Nancy Cole

which were no secret at all, were explained. The gentle process of kick-starting the Fair continued through the afternoon with a luncheon, a beauty fair, and in the background knots of old friends and new acquaintances talking, sharing, and coming together.

The 'Ladies' Night Banquet' that night would have marked the culmination of a long and triumphant day. However, just in case there was still a need to help pull the shy girls out into the mainstream, there was a contest that required everyone to seek out and find a sister whose interests and background matched their own. More introductions, announcements, and awards brought an end to a smashingly successful introduction and coming together phase of Fantasia.

It was appropriate that the church services on Sunday began the next phase of the Fair. There were no announcements, no neat dividing lines, but you could feel it and see it. Introductions were over and the merging of new friends and old was well on the way. While the personal joy and excitement of wearing our finest and stepping out into the sun was still there, it slowly began being replaced by the desire to get down to some serious self-development, to look inside and work at making ourselves, individually and collectively, better, more complete, and effective both as women and as people.

It was here, in this phase and during this process, that the true meaning of Fantasia was realized. We were like teenage girls, alive, with a free spirit, and facing a future filled with all sorts of possibilities. We were like sixteen year-olds who were reaching out beyond our homes and families to enter into the world to meet people with whom to share and grow... young girls learning makeup, and fashions, and mannerisms, reflecting on what kind of person we wanted to develop into.

To help us along, Fantasia was unique. First, it provided the time (nine days) for even the most fashion conscious sister to satisfy her needs. Next, Provincetown was an open classroom and laboratory where we learned and were free to experiment. An entire community, with real people, real establishments and businesses, and real situations forced each participant to grow. Here was no set-piece situation where all the conditions were controlled. Here was an open and dynamic environment in which interaction, as a group and as individuals, was continuous.

For some, this experience was both scary and intimidating. One can convince herself that the acceptance of the people of Provincetown was almost too good to be true. I know, I was one of those people myself. During my first Fantasia in 1989, I would not go into a shop or store dressed. In my mind I knew it was alright, for I saw "everyone" doing it, but I could not. 1990 however, was different. Not only did I come into P-town dressed and ready, but as soon as I finished registering and unpacking (no small feat), I trotted down Commercial Street, the main street of town, in search of a ring big enough to fit on my size 11• finger. The owner of the store I went into was wonderful. He helped with sizing and selection, and told me he could adjust any ring he had to fit me. In retrospect, this simple transaction was both an indicator as to how far I had come in my personal development and overcoming my own barriers, and how great P'town and Fantasia can be for us in our growth and development.

The lessons in this vast classroom hit every aspect of living as a woman. One soon learned that heels are nice, but comfortable shoes were a must for a woman operating in the real world. Finding out how to live out of a purse was a challenge in itself as everyone, on their own, soon began to appreciate the absurdity of trying to keep an efficiently and logically organized purse. These, and many other small lessons women had long since learned, were driven home to each of us.

Besides learning to live and function in the world as women, Fantasia also provided for our inner growth. There were professionally run seminars and workshops specially designed for the girl who had never reached down inside her soul and was still searching for both the ways and the means of developing herself and dealing with her world. For instance, Niela Miller's Personal Development seminars were both meaningful and fulfilling. They were exercises that helped create an excellent environment for getting in touch with one's own soul, and provide each individual with the tools and strength to continue her own growth and development.

Fantasia provided ample opportunities for those of us who learn by doing. On the surface, the Fashion Show and Fan/Fair Follies may have appeared to be just so much fluff and feathers. For those of us who have experienced either or both, we know the truth. The growth experiences that occurred, both at the individual and collective level, were unparalleled. Without thinking, without a master script, each of us soon learned how to deal with the world as women. False ideas and exaggerated notions of feminine behavior melted away in the harsh light of the stage lights. Instead, a woman, confident and with poise, doing with ease that which seemed so alien to us in the beginning, developed within each of us. It simply could not be helped.

I worked behind the scenes, and the experience was exhilarating, fulfilling, and important. It provided me with a growth that two years ago I would not have believed possible.

Betty Ann Lind, the Fair Coordinator, tolerated pain and long hard hours, and did so little for herself, and I wondered why. I could find no logical explanation for it. From a cold masculine view, such dedication with so little physical reward was senseless. But, as I myself grew and continued to develop after Fantasia '89, the answer dawned upon me. Finally able to view the world using feelings that were labelled "feminine," I began to understand that Betty Ann's reward was that of a mother's, the fulfilling reward that a woman feels when she nurtures, and mothers, and creates. I can now look into Betty Ann's eyes and see a happiness and peace that a mother has when one of her children has grown into their own and passed out into the real world.

What is the Fantasia Fair experience? What is the real purpose? It is growth, it is experiences, it is fun, it is freedom. Each participant comes to the Fair with her own ideas and abilities. Each girl walks away with a whole new view, not only of herself, but of her world. Many of us carry that view and our experiences back to our local communities. There, the work of Fantasia continues. Throughout the year, each of us works not only to continue our own growth that started in P'town, but to provide our sisters who have not had the opportunity to go to Fantasia the same growth that we experienced.

It is therefore very easy to understand why the final Saturday night Awards Banquet is such an emotional experience. As with the young girl bidding farewell to her childhood, we move on to the next logical step in our development. That child, as well as the sweet and dear images, feelings and thoughts of childhood, will always be a part of each and every one of us. However, something new, feelings and thoughts that were not there before, come to the fore and propel us over the obstacles and through the fears that had for so long kept us in the closet. We ourselves, our sisters, and our community are better people because of the experience of Fantasia.

So, "happy sweet sixteenth," not only to Fantasia Fair, but also to ourselves.

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FANTASIA FAIR '90 PHOTO ALBUM
(photographers: Helen Strong, Nancy Cole)

"What's so funny?"
L-R: Ariadne Kane, Betty Ann Lind, Virginia Prince, JoAnn Roberts
(photo: Dee Johnson)

Sheila Kirk
'Miss Fantasia Fair 1990'

The gals from 'Admiral's Landing' Guesthouse

Leanette & Maureen
Co-coordinators of the FanFair Follies

The gals checking out the photographer while she checked out the gals checking out the tourist as he was checking out the gals.

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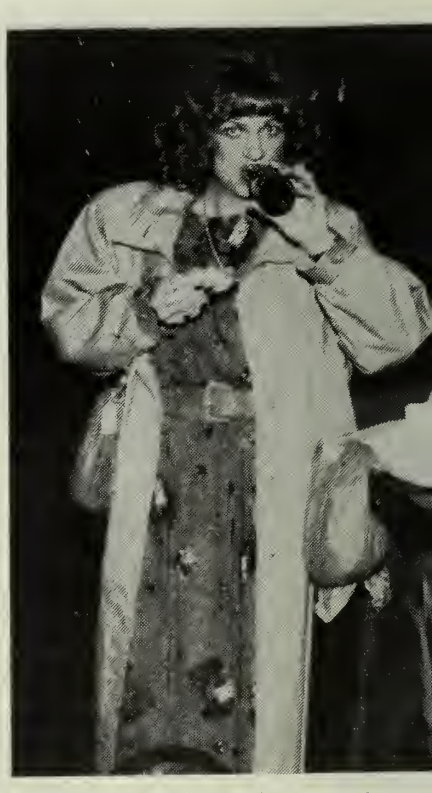

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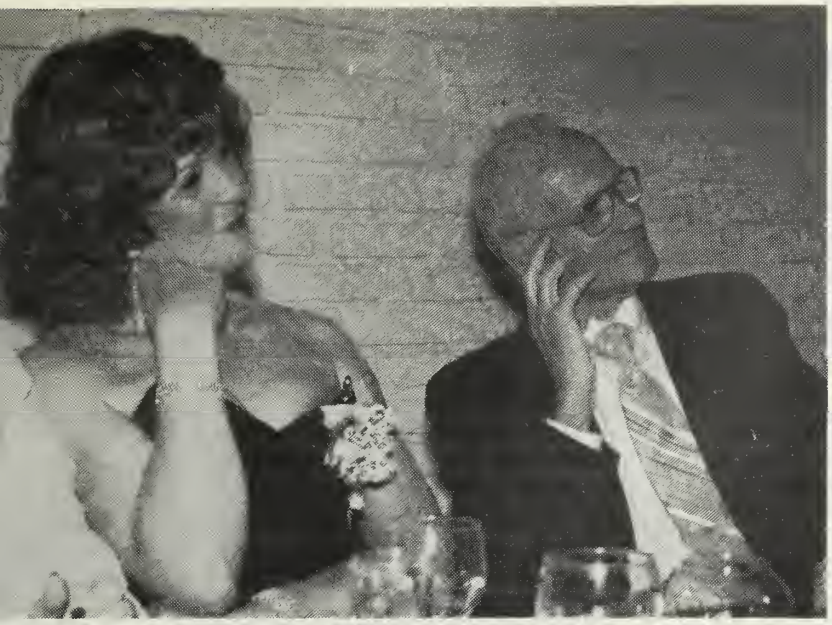

"Anything you can do, I can do better!"

"Oh Jim, Jim, Jim, Jim, Jim!
Lose something?

"Don't shoot! We surrender!"

"Virginia has found her rightful place at last!"

"Sisters!"
Vicki & Monica

"Is this the party to whom I am speaking?"

Fan / Fair Follies

Awards Banquet

EDITORIAL:

THE TRANSGENDER ALTERNATIVE

by Holly

"The man whose spirit has been obsessed by a beauty so long brooded upon, that he has almost become that which he contemplated . . ."
-- the Irish poet, George Russell

"So many of us," a transsexual sister of mine observed, "simply stall out and fail to achieve our goal of Sexual Reassignment Surgery."

"Maybe," I replied, "a lot of these people who apparently stall out have actually found a more comfortable middle ground. Maybe there aren't as many transsexuals after all."

Crossdressers may also have a sense of this, yet be equally unsure of this middle ground. The middle ground I refer to is 'transgenderism'.

I realize this term (heretofore vague) also encompasses the entire spectrum: crossdresser to transsexual. However, for the purpose of this editorial -- and for what I hope will be a continuing dialogue -- I shall attempt to define transgender as a viable option between crossdresser and transsexual. This also has a firm foundation in the ancient tradition of androgyny. (All my references will address the male-to-female orientation.)

The prefix trans- means "across," beyond, through, or so as to change. Words like transition, transformation, transparent, transpersonal, transcend . . . are all relevant to transvestism (crossdressing), transgenderism (identifying oneself across gender lines), and transsexualism (realigning biology with dominant gender). While we may choose to use any of these terms to categorize ourselves, we may come to understand ourselves better if we view each of these three zones within the greater spectrum of gender. The term gender has recently become accepted as defining one's personal, social, and legal status independent of biological sex, e.g. ascribing traits of aggressiveness, nurturance, competitiveness, expressiveness, etc.

Many people confuse sex with gender. Sex is biological, gender is psycho/social. If biology does not truly dictate gender or personality, then dichotomies of masculinity and femininity may only serve to coerce or restrict the potential variety of ways of being human. Professor Anna Kuhn, University of California at Davis, said, "Until we redefine behavior in terms of human, rather than masculine and feminine, we are locked in a dance of death."

Crossdressers and transsexuals sometimes feel estranged within our subculture. Transgen-derism can serve as a bridge between these two points on the gender spectrum. In the vast majority of cases, we are probably not so much gender conflicted as we are at odds -- even at war -- with our culture. It is our culture that imposes the polarization of gender according to biology. It is our culture that has brainwashed us, our families, and our friends. These are people who might otherwise love us and embrace our diversity as natural, something to be celebrated. Cross-dressers instead are made to feel they must be "men", and their failure to do so makes them deviant misfits, perverted fetishists, or worse. Transsexuals must often deny their maleness altogether to become stereotypical, second-class females (a sad fact) in order to assimilate into society. Occasionally these options may be appropriate, but I doubt that these forms of socialization are conducive to personal growth and happiness.

I believe the answer to our dilemma is through inclusion rather than through polarization. We know, deep in our hearts, that we are more than our culture dictates. We can reject these limitations in all their manifestations, if we have a vision that transcends, if we believe we must and can go beyond. We need to recognize that each of us in our own small way, is a maker of his or her own culture. We can exercise that function best by expressing our true selves, not simply fulfilling our culture's expectations. We are all in transition, in that broad and evolutionary sense.

Whether we are gender conflicted, or simply prone to obey the dictates of society, personal resolution need not be strictly an either/or proposition, male or female. Jungian

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psychoanalyst June Singer noted that many people who become disturbed, sick, or unbalanced may be stuck in the masculine/feminine dichotomy. Psychologist George Kelly observed that disturbed people tend to flip back and forth between the poles of their constructs rather than test mid-range alternatives. Psychosynthesist Assagioli noticed that when our diverse inner elements no longer clash or remain unconnected, when they begin to merge, we experience a release of energy, a sense of well-being, and a greater depth of meaning. When it is balanced and healthy, human growth proceeds in all directions.

Androgyny is not a new concept, but it has recently returned to our cultural consciousness as an idea that holds great potential for personal and social development. It has been called "the Eleventh Megatrend." Sandra Bem, a pioneer in this field, says, " . . . androgyny provides both a vision of Utopia and a model of mental health . . . (it) does not require the individual to banish from the self whatever attributes and behaviors the culture may have stereotypically defined as inappropriate for his or her sex." In fact, the only time being a man or a woman really matters is when reproducing.

When considering the evolutionary potential of androgyny, it is worth noting the transitional form of polyandrogynism. This form encourages a full variety of options, including "pure" femininity and masculinity as well as any possible combination. Ultimately, more people may come to embrace a full range of psychological characteristics and social roles, which is monoandrogynism in the classic sense. Not to be confused with uni-sex, this would unleash far

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greater heterogeneity and uniqueness for each individual. Mention should be made that some people fail to exhibit traits of either gender. This is the "undifferentiated" category that is the antithesis of androgyny.

Author Emile Zolla believes there may come a time when the unmitigated male or female will appear as disturbing as the unabashed androgyne of today -- "a stifling denial of latencies". Plato said, "Nature was originally one and we were a whole, and the desire and the pursuit of the whole is called love." We must always begin by loving ourselves. The verb "to heal" means to make whole. Human life can be viewed as the constant process of healing an inner split. Jung called this process "individuation", the fundamental challenge of which is the integration of one's contrasexual elements through an active, ongoing dialogue between the consciousness and the unconsciousness. Researchers have found that the most creative and brightest people have androgynous qualities, including greater maturity, social adjustment, and fuller enjoyment of sexuality. Humanistic psychologist Abraham Maslow characterized peak experiences and self-actualization in terms of wholeness, unity, interconnectedness, and synergy. As psychiatrist Victor Frankl noted, "A higher dimension is simply a more inclusive dimension".

So what does androgyny have to do with transgenderism? Any person, mainstream and not particularly gender-conflicted, can opt for androgyny. Yet, those of us who don't fit that description, who may still yearn to cross over, if only to return to a balanced state, need to examine our options. Crossdressing may be a bold beginning (perhaps an end in

itself), but nonetheless offers the potential for integration and wholeness. Transsexualism, while perfectly appropriate for some, may often be more of an over stated resolution -- indeed, a form of escape. Trading one set of stereotypical gender restrictions for another can be a denial of wholeness, unless one simply feels more centered in the gender of choice (given this culture). Other transsexuals who may never realistically "pass" in society might find greater solace through androgyny.

I would like to offer a constructive challenge to those of us who are uncertain about defining ourselves as strictly crossdresser or strictly transsexual. Are you truly a crossdresser, or is this only an indication of far greater potential for gender evolution, which is in turn a deeper imperative for personal growth and integration? If you are considering transsexualism, are you losing as much ground as you are gaining? Are you having to lie about your past -- even to your spouse? Are you unnecessarily sacrificing your preferred style of lovemaking, or your ability to procreate (especially if you are a lesbian)? Are you truly becoming yourself, with a long-term life-plan intact, or allowing yourself to be compromised by external expectations? Our high-tech culture promises a quick fix, but there are significant health risks. Your life is precious, and good health is crucial. The freedom to choose one's gender is a potent sword that cuts both ways. Be true to yourself.

Androgyny, while offering the broadest opportunity for psychological integration and evolution, still poses a great threat as a cultural taboo. Since our culture is far less comfortable with ambiguity than stereotypical role playing, the aspiring androgyne faces potentially greater resistance and rejection. But the transgenderist, whether crossing over part time or full time -- even while masking their genital incongruity, gives honest expression to a reality that defies cultural norms. The resulting impacts on human potential, relationships, society, even global harmony and ecology, are still unexplored.

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As our cultural consensus shifts to accommodate change and evolution, much can be achieved preventively through more enlightened socialization of our children. Indeed, many of the woes of this world may be resolved through gender liberation.

THREE PROFILES IN TRANSGENDERISM

THE ADVANCED CROSSDRESSER

Alexandra lives in a part time fantasy, too potent to be confined to the bedroom or to strategically planned outings. She maintains her life as a male for a number of reasons, but feels a deep need to explore the womanhood she knows is a profound part of her. She has grown past sexual fetishism, and has "come out" publicly into an expanded personhood. She is learning to deal with the inevitable challenges with family, spouse, children, friends, and career that our culture imposes.

THE ANDROGYNE

Alex, whether manifesting part or full time, does not always try to pass. She is attuned to her inner being, which she recognizes as fully androgynous, and strives to live within that shifting, dynamic balance. She may seek her compromise through hormone therapy and/or a liberal expression of style in all her daily interactions -- not to mention the fullest range of interpersonal and social relationships that she makes. S/he is, perhaps, a harbinger of our future.

THE TRANSSEXUAL

Alexis rejects the life style imposed on her as a male, and lives as a woman full time. However, she feels free to retain her male genitals, though she may have breast augmentation and electrolysis in addition to hormone therapy. She may live as a Lesbian, or in a modified "straight" relationship, but chooses her own definition of herself, short of conventional assimilation.

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EDITORIAL:

LIGHTEN UP, LADIES

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It takes more than a new dress and a make-over to break the bonds of our deep-rooted male identities. We can hide our beards with beard cover. We can memorize the steps to achieve glamour from JoAnne Roberts' Art and Illusion. With patience and arduous hours of practice, we can eventually develop convincing feminine voices. Our melodious gentle female voices emanate with softness until we put our thoughts into words. Then our thoughts painfully betray our real masculine identities.

Our walk, mannerisms, and movements can all be thoroughly learned, and displayed with grace and naturalness. However, our masculine thoughts and words so often break faith with our endeavor to be authentically feminine.

When crossdressed, our exteriors are carefully tailored and precise, and we have become transformed into replicas of women, but with one critical ingredient missing. Our internal programs can only be what they basically are -- male identities. By analogy, the exterior may be a near-perfect replica of a modern Mercedes, but the engine is still a '76 Ford.

Let's look at how men and women differ in how each develop personal identities. Scholars of human behavior explain that our beliefs and identities are intrinsically locked in with our sense of worth. Men determine their sense of worth quite differently than women. Typically men base their worth on how well they perform. Success for men is based on external criteria--money earned, trophies won, sales made. We always count the number of points we score.

Men are basically counters. Only men wear their war medals, cut notches in their guns, carry their gold keys to the executive bathroom, or wear feathers in their war bonnets.

Women simply wear ribbons in their bonnets to represent their uniqueness and to view themselves as special. Just as men determine their identities by what they are, and by how well they perform, women determine their identities by who they are, regardless of how well they perform. Men need to be the best. Women need only to be special.

Some crossdressers measure their self-worth by the standard of how well they pass. Paradoxically, the position of most crossdressers is: "You are not really a man unless you can pass as a woman." Remaining steadfast in their male thinking and beliefs, they count the number of times they have used the women's room. They brag about how easily they pass in a restaurant. They count the number of times they are whistled at by men.

Lee Reynolds

By contrast, women do not measure their worth by individual accomplishments, but rather by the recognition of their uniqueness by significant people in their lives. Women need to be thought of as somebody's number one. Women's identities are based on being special. Early in life they enjoy being "Daddy's little girl", later by being their husband's "one and only". They delight in being another woman's special friend.

The basic difference is that men are always in the process of doing, while women are in the process of being. Men are active; women are reactive. Possibly the roots of this arrangement were established in our early evolutionary development, when the men were the hunters, which required active effort, and women tended the children, which required reactive attention to things.

Since the nature of men is to compete, crossdressing then can become our modern version of hunting. "Passing" becomes the ultimate trophy, a reward for succeeding as a crossdresser. Our egos are injured if we are "read". Being read is equivalent to failing. We lament that we did not do it the "right way".

Women, by contrast, do not see life events as dichotomous. 'Passing' or 'failing' make little sense to women because their orientation is to be, not to do. The business world has recently been quick to capitalize on the flexibility of women when they are placed in the negotiation arena. Women tend to move naturally toward compromise, while men push hard and take the position of all-or-nothing, win-or-lose.

So lighten up, ladies. We are taking this whole issue of crossdressing much too seriously. No one other than ourselves is counting or keeping score.

Maybe it would have been better if we had never started crossdressing in the first place, but dressing as a woman in all likelihood originated with us as small children. Our intent in those early years was to simply engage in play and fantasy, but we have forgotten how to play without keeping score. Keeping score is our male way to compete, but women are free to just enjoy playing for the fun of it.

Women rarely keep score because they judge outcomes more by feelings than by behavior. Neuropsychologists believe that this may be a right-brain function. For most women, if it feels

good, it probably is good, and we call this trait "women's intuition".

Men judge only the behavior, often intentionally ignoring feelings. Men are too busy with the left-brain function of measuring and evaluating the behavior, assuming that behavior is only good if it is logical and performed well.

So lighten up, ladies. Learn to tap those same feelings that women experience by just being who rather then what they are. For goodness sake, let's stop counting and start enjoying.

If thinking is fundamentally different between the sexes, right-brain for women and left-brain for men, can men learn to think like women? I believe so. We probably know some men personally who think more like women than like men, and who may or may not be crossdressers.

If we can imitate how women dress, walk, dance, sit, stand, and even blow their noses, we can imitate how women think and feel. There is probably a good chance that this would enhance our corssdressing and make it even more enjoyable. For example, have you ever noticed how often women touch their clothing, hair, and skin? They savor every feeling of being women. Crossdressers are often so engrossed with "doing it right" that they forget to simply enjoy their crossdressing.

The primary focus for women, then, is feelings. For men, it is reason with the absence of emotions. This became very clear to me the other day when I was visiting my neighbors. Their teenage son, Bob, walked in after school, lamenting that he had lost his math assignment at school.

Bob's father immediately asked if he had checked his locker or looked in his math book. Bob responded to this with a blank stare. Bob's mother reached out and touched her son's arm, saying, "You seem really upset. I can see that losing your assignment really bothers you, Honey." Bob melted and hugged his mother. A quick smile displayed his sense of relief.

How can we learn to get in touch with our feelings? It may be much easier than we think. Last week I was sitting in a busy shopping center watching people walking by. I made a genuine attempt to just experience my surface feelings rather than to try to analyze people. "Stop thinking, start feeling," I said to myself.

In a matter of moments I began to sense a feeling of harmony and happiness that people seemed to share as they walked through the shopping center. I had never been aware of that harmony before. At that moment I noticed a woman staring at me, smiling. She was enjoying me enjoying people. Only a woman can do that. I smiled back at her and thought how nice it was to share a feeling with another person without judging, criticizing, or counting. It felt good to sense that harmony through my feelings. I realized that I did not even have to be a woman to do that.

I have slowly come to believe that there is a monumental difference between men's and women's thought processes. If men are thinking, judging, and evaluating, then by necessity they have to put themselves in a different dimension of time in order to evaluate and make judgements. Out of necessity they have to mentally slip into either the future or the past in order to make judgements about previous beliefs.

Women also think, judge, and evaluate, but they tie their thoughts, judgements, and evaluations into their emotional responses in the here-and-now. Possibly this is why women seem to have an immediate sense of their present feelings, allowing them to smile, laugh, cry, or connect with a variety of emotional responses.

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Sociologists state that women smile and cry three times more often than men. Men are so busy thinking, judging, and evaluating that they have no time to smile, much less even consider crying.

I have a very dear woman friend whom I admire greatly. She is a strong advocate to our crossdressing community, and we often have great conversations about crossdressers. She once asked me, "If two women were coming toward you, and one was a crossdresser, do you know how to tell them apart?"

I quipped, "The CD would be wearing the prettier dress."

"Yes," she replied, "But more importantly, the real woman would be smiling."

My friend explained that she finds it easy to spot crossdressers in shopping malls because they typically have stony, expressionless faces. The external make-up is perfect, but the internal make-up is unchanged. The masculine identity is worrying, "Am I doing it right?"

The need of men to count, weigh, and measure each aspect of their lives can be an obstacle to their experiencing feelings. Even simple pleasures and enjoyment are missed.

And so I muse:

How joyful life could be if we were
really woman-like:
feeling, not thinking,
being, not doing,
sensing, not processing,
smiling, not staring,
and accepting, not counting.

Would we not enjoy the precious moments of our feminine persona if we were:
special, not best,
yielding, not forceful,
cooperating, not competing,
submissive, not dominating,
but most importantly: here, not there.

How delighted our wives or sweethearts would be if we not only dressed like them, but were willing to think and feel like them as well. Wouldn't it really be a compliment to them to know that we were not only willing to put on women's shoes, but to "walk in them" as well?

So if in your crossdressing growth you aspire to be truly feminine, you may have to lighten up, ladies. It may be time to stop thinking and to start feeling, time to stop counting and start accepting, time to stop doing and start being.

As crossdressers we have come a long way in search of our feminine personas. It would seem reasonable that once we have mastered the physical traits of womanhood, our next challenge would be to blend our feelings and emotions in a feminine way rather than a masculine way.

Femininity is not a physical property. Femininity is a point of view, shared initially by both sexes as children. Our culture forces us to abandon femininity when we are taught to count, compete, achieve, brag, take action, be forceful, and be decisive. We are systematically taught to abandon our emotional sensitivity, gentleness, patience, cooperativeness, responsiveness, yielding, and the pleasure of just being rather than doing. We become pilots, executives, downhill skiers, Ph.D.'s, alcoholics, and decorated war heroes. The crossdressing community has more than its share of these "successful" men.

Now can be the time to reclaim our childhood sense of being a total and complete person, both masculine and feminine. Who knows, possibly crossdressing may simply provide the chance for us to be both masculine and feminine at the same time, allowing us to be complete people.

So come on, ladies, let's lighten up. Let's learn once more the enjoyment of play and the mystery of wonder.

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PHOTOGRAPHY:

IMAGES OF YOU
The Basics of Photography

by Kate G.

Here is the scene: you get a day or evening to yourself and after an hour of careful work you decide your makeup is perfect, your outfit is great, and your hair couldn't look better. You check yourself out in every mirror in the house and YOU COULD PASS. Out comes the camera, you shoot a roll of film to capture the event, and the next day you mail the film away for processing. A week passes and the photos are in the mailbox. You take the package inside, eagerly open the envelope, and....AND THE PICTURES ARE AWFUL! YOU COULD BE READ FROM A SATELLITE!

Well, take heart, the good-looking gal you saw in the mirror was there. Much of the problem was in your not knowing how to make a camera record the your image as you saw it in the mirror. The goal of this article will be to teach you some of the basics of photography, how these basics apply to the special kind of picture you want to take and how you, as the subject, need to prepare for the click of the shutter.

TO BEGIN WITH, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND ONE IMPORTANT FACT: YOUR BRAIN AND THE FILM DO NOT RECORD IMAGES IN THE SAME WAY.

What you "saw" that night was a composite image. You moved your head when you looked in the mirror, thereby creating many images for your brain to process into one. Your mind smoothed out lines and filled in shadows. Your eyes never focused on the whole face at once but rather on the eyes, nose, cheeks, etc. in rapid succession. Definitions were soft because the lighting was soft.

What the camera "saw" that night was something very different. Because of the bright flash, what the film recorded was much like what you see when a strobe light suddenly does off in a dark room. Surfaces parallel to the camera were glaring because they reflected back the harsh light, while those at angles went dark. Everything was sharply outlined because there was one dominant light source. Your makeup may have changed color or stood out differently than uncovered skin.

What you "saw" that night is close to what other people would have seen. Now, while you might not have looked as good to other people as you felt you looked, you should be comforted to know that they would not have seen you the way the camera saw you. You can take pictures that look more like what people see, but it takes some preparation to create circumstances where the two will be alike.

SOME BASICS IT WILL HELP TO KNOW: SHUTTER, APERTURE, FILM SPEED (ASA), AND THEIR INTERACTION

Many of you will be slightly intimidated by words like "shutter" and "aperture" because these words do not appear anywhere on your point-and-shoot camera. So why should I tell you about them? Well, these things are "set" by your camera, and if you understand how your camera will likely set them given the circumstances, you can appreciate the need for changing the circumstances.

To begin with, you need to understand the two ways a camera controls the light falling on the film. In simple words, these two ways are: a) the speed with which the shutter opens and closes, and b) how wide the lens "opens" to allow light to pass through the shutter and onto the film--the "aperture."

The shutter speed can vary between a very slow one second to an fast-action-stopping 1/2000th of a second. The reason for the shutter to open and then close again is fairly obvious. Since the film can only record one image, if the object is moving while the film is exposed you will record a blur. The faster the object is moving, the faster the shutter needs to open and shut. For example, to take a clear photo of people standing around at a party, you will need 1/60th of a second, while for someone walking toward you, you may need 1/250th of a second.

The camera aperture is like the pupil of your eye. Behind the camera lens is a diaphragm that can expand or contract. The confusing aspect of the aperture is that it is measured in "f-stops" which, if they can be controlled, vary from a wide opening of 1.8 to a small opening of 22. If the lens aperture can be changed and the shutter speed happens to be fixed, the aperture will open wide in low light (to let in more light) and contract in intense light (to restrict the amount of light)--just as with your eyes. However, unlike with your eyes, the size of the lens aperture affects the "depth of field."

Depth of field confuses people because it is not an everyday life experience. When you look at an object, your eye focuses on it. You never stop to consider whether objects in from of or behind the object are also in focus, since when you look at them your eye will bring them into focus automatically. But the camera has no such opportunity and can be focused on only one object in the scene. So why is everything other than the "main object" in a scene sometimes blurred and sometimes clear? Well, that's what depth of field is all about.

The optical physics of depth of field are simply this: objects on either side of the point at which the lens is focused can also be in focus, and the distance from either side of the point of focus at which other objects are also in focus can be varied. If by the word "field" we mean the area in focus, and by the word "depth", we mean the size of that area, then the

term "depth of field" starts to make sense, and we can answer the last question: What part of the lens varies the depth of field?

The answer is the aperture size. Large apertures, which let in more light) produce a shallow depth of field. On the other hand, small apertures (which let in less light) produce a wide depth of field.

How many pictures have you thrown away because they were blurred? Shutter speed may have been the culprit in some cases. But I'll bet that many were blurred because you were not in the field of focus. "But", you say, "I looked through the view finder and everything looked clear!" Well, surprise, the viewfinder on a point-and-shoot camera does not look through the lens. It's just a little window! You will need a real 35mm SLR to look through the lens and even these do not preview the shot with the correct aperture setting unless you "stop down." The solution to this problem is in prefocusing the lens to the place where you will be standing when the self-timer triggers the shutter. I will tell you how to do this in just a bit.

Now let me explain film speed and I will put all these concepts together. A film's speed is the measure of how fast it reacts to light. You have nothing comparable to this with your eye. But the lesson here is that film records an image by a chemical reaction to light. The film is made to always need the same amount of light to be correctly exposed. Too much light and it is "overexposed" and looks washed out. Too little light and everything is dark or "underexposed."

Films vary in the amount of light they need to record an image. The relative amount of light needed is known as the film's speed, which is designated as its ASA. All other things equal, fast films (400 to 1000 ASA) need less light, but their pictures are fuzzier and have paler colors. On the other hand, slower films (64 to 200 ASA) need more light, but give you those great looking pictures like in the National Geographic, with wonderful color and clarity.

The big mistake many people make is to assume that because a room is comfortably lighted to the eye, it therefore is adequately lighted for the camera. Except for the very fastest film, this isn't so. Unless you are in the sun, almost all films need some extra light.

Let me put the basics of shutter speed, lens aperture, and film speed together. Since the film always needs the same amount of light to be correctly exposed, and any kind of automatic camera is made to try to correctly expose the film according to its ASA, the less available light, the wider the aperture and the longer the shutter will stay open. Too slow a shutter, and the picture will blur, but too wide an aperture, and less of the picture will be in focus. Automatic cameras are programmed to try to keep the shutter speed fast enough to avoid most blurring due to movement, but once the aperture is open as far as possible, the only compromise before adding light with a flash is to slow the shutter seed. Since most of you take pictures at night, or in a room, you used flash, and produced the glaring results. If flash was unavailable, you were underexposed or blurred.

NOW THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE BASICS, YOU ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT LIGHT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM.

You are probably wondering just how did your camera know how much light would fall on the film, given the shutter speed and aperture opening. Well, it uses a light sensor to "read" or "meter" the amount of light coming from a certain part of the scene to be photographed. Typically, the part of the scene metered is a small circle in the center of the scene. This is logical, as the center of the scene is usually what has captured your attention in the first place.

The problem is that nothing is uniform, and the area being metered may be brighter or darker than the rest of the scene. Or there may be bright or dark objects within the area being metered. Heavy contrast like these require compromises which only sophisticated cameras can attempt and which are not always satisfactory. Most cameras will overexpose most of the photo if a dark object is metered, or underexpose it if a bright object is metered. The lesson here is that major light contrasts in a scene do not produce natural-looking photographs of people.

Without a great deal of experience with the sensitivities of film, people do not see the contrasts in a scene that will produce poor exposures.

THE SOLUTION IS TO MINIMIZE CONTRASTS.

How? First, do not take pictures at night or in your bedroom. Take them in the daytime, if possible outside on a slightly overcast day, to get the most uniform light. If you cannot get outside, stay away from the window and lamps. Instead, stand between and slightly behind two strong light sources that are out of the scene. A fairly good cheap solution for indoor shots is to use two daylight flood lights in sockets attached to clamps which you can secure to a table or chair. A good hardware store will have them. Also, standing near a window during the day, standing with your back to the sun, standing next to a lamp, or wearing a white blouse will leave all or part of the person under exposed (i.e. you face will be dark!).

Second, upgrade your camera to at least one of the newer point-and-shoot cameras that have "fill flash", auto-focus, and a lens that can vary from wide angel to telephoto. Use the telephoto setting (90 to 105) since wide-angle lenses (standard on less expensive cameras) distort features at the distances you will be shooting. Make sure you have enough other light so the fill flash can gently fill in the shallow parts of your face as without flash. I cannot overemphasize the need for fill flash or for the telephoto lens.

Unless you are lucky enough to have a friend taking your picture, you'll be using your camera's self-timer. You probably assume that the camera sets its focus and aperture when the shutter releases, five or so seconds after you push the button. Wrong! It sets the focus and aperture when you push the button and are still standing behind the camera. The solution is to point the camera at an object which is the same distance you will be from the camera when the shutter is tripped. Then tap the shutter button, quickly point the camera at the place you will be posing, and swiftly get over to your position. My camera gives me seven seconds, so I rarely have

to run and usually have time to primp and pose. The new autofocus cameras allow you to lock in a focus. That is, the camera will nh refocus the lens until you want it. I like this, as it allows me to focus only once and to take many photos in different poses while remaining in the same place.

Finally, use 400 ASA film. I like the new 125 EKTRA film from Kodak for outside daylight shots, but if there is any compromise in light, use 400 ASA. The color and sharpness are very good, and you are less likely to tax the outer limits of your camera.

MAKEUP AND UNNATURAL LIGHT

Makeup that looks good in natural light will not necessarily photograph well using everyday light bulbs and camera flash. Of all the problems I have had perfecting my photos, this has been the biggest.

When you add light to the room, remember to use floods which simulate daylight. Stay away from florescent light. Staying with situations that only require fill flash will help, as full flash can make heavy beard cover look clownish. I have had very good success by adding a little red to the top layer of my makeup before setting it. Tapping in a little mauve blush gives the face a healthy look which otherwise may go clayish white because of the wax in the makeup.

SETTING UP THE SHOT CORRECTLY

Setting up a shot is a two-part problem. The first part is where you position the camera and yourself and is solved by getting a tripod and not posing in front of a mirror. If you look at the personal ads in the back of Tapestry you will see the results of these mistakes. All too many photos have the camera below the person's face, apparently on a table top. This exaggerates the jaw and produces an unnatural and unflattering perspective. Furthermore, get a three-way head on your tripod so the camera can be set on end, thereby putting much more of you in the picture. It is tempting to put the camera in front of a mirror so you can see your pose, but the result is your eyes staring off into space. You need to look just under the lens to be natural.

Now for the last part of the problem--YOU! Women grow up smiling. They smile at everyone, and automatically smile when a camera comes out. Men have learned that when a camera comes out they should pose for a mug shot. This training is clearly hard to overcome, because when you look again at many of the personal ads the "mug shot" look spoils far too many.

MORE TIPS

1. Practice a soft smile all the time. Try to smile as you talk. Watch women talk and act, and imitate them. When that picture is taken, you want to have a soft feminine smile, not a toothy grin or dour look on you face.

2. Turn your head slightly to the right or left and tilt it a bit. Look at some photos of women and you will see very few of the straight-on poses that men usually assume. Furthermore, a slightly-turned head will tend to round your angular head.

3. Get your hands up in a feminine position. Men drop their hands at their sides.

4. Place your feet together like a woman and push your hips slightly to one side. Men stand straight up and rigid.

5. Do not turn your body at an angle to the camera, as this will emphasize the width of your chest. Either be parallel or perpendicular to the camera.

6. Pretend you are at a party having a conversation with someone. You will get a more natural look and body posture.

7. Try to shoot yourself walking toward the camera. This takes practice as you have to set the camera focus to the point where you will be when the timer goes off, but the results can be rewarding.

8. Try new poses, such as looking over your shoulder or sitting on the edge of a couch appearing to chat with someone in a social situation. Always try to imitate how a woman would act.

Doing all this requires practice before the shutter clicks. I review my rules before I shoot, and save the results in a photo album. You can learn a lot by saving your mistakes and indicating on them what went wrong. And saving your successes can remind you of the poses and outfits which look best.

BLACK AND WHITE FILM

Black and white film works solely by recording contrast in white, gray, and black. It behaves differently than color film. Be even more careful to avoid contrasts, use fill flash, and shoot outdoors if possible. Watch the use of high-contrast makeup. Heavy reds will come out dark, as will any dramatic color. Dresses with prints may not look as good as solids. You will need a separate section to your photo album for black and white photos and separate notes as to what tricks look best.

A LAST WORD

You will spend $300 to $400 for the equipment I have described. There are bound to be a few photography magazines with articles in early 1991 reviewing the new generation of sophisticated point-and-shoot cameras; go to a library and read them before you buy. This may seem like a lot of money, but you will spend more than that in a given year on clothes, accessories, and makeup, and the photographs will generate some great memories.

When I look at my early photos and compare them to today's the difference is amazing. The tips in this article are the product of years of experimenting and a hundred rolls of film. Follow the advice and I know you will be rewarded with photographs of the woman in the mirror.

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['Adventures In Waziland', the story of Cynthia and Linda Phillips' trip to NYC and their appearance on the 'Joan Rivers Show', appeared in Issue #57. 'The Great Unmasking' is the story of what happened afterwards.]

THE GREAT UNMASKING

By: Linda & Cynthia Phillips

LINDA'S VERSION

Cynthia and I thought we were safe from anyone finding out about "our little secret," when the Joan Rivers Show was aired back home in San Antonio and the neighbors didn't show up with torches and clubs. She called her sister and talked about everything under the sun, waiting for that "certain topic" to be brought up. It wasn't, so we happily forgot about it and went on our merry way.

Wait! Don't these talk shows have reruns in the summer?

Hmmm... not just summer, darlin', but ALL year! Whenever good 'ol Joan or Oprah or Phil don't feel like struggling down to the studio to impale another poor soul with probing personal questions about their sex life, they just pop an old film from last year in and let her rip.

Well, we thought that no one would run the show WE were on again, since we were buried between some fat comedian who never told a joke, and good 'ol Steve and Edye, who are getting a bit long in the tooth. And WE sure weren't interesting, since good 'ol Joan didn't know what to ask us and spent most of the time looking confused.

But NOOOO! After a few weeks for the initial show, we were on again, and as luck wold have it when it was shown in Dallas, one of my brother-in-law's good friends, who hadn't seen us in years, happened to be watching the show and spotted Cynthia, in spite of her wig and glasses. Of course it didn't take him long to figure me too.

HE "thoughtfully" called my brother-in-law and said, "Watch the Joan Rivers Show tomorrow (it was to be shown in Colorado the next day), you won't believe it!"

The next day found their little family grouped around the television to watch Linda's public unveiling. "Look, cried Young Niece, it's Uncle Jim in a dress!"

"Oops", went Sister-in-Law, "into the other room, kids, we'll talk about this later."

My sister-in-law waited a day and then called Cynthia. "I saw you on the Joan Rivers Show and want you to know it's OK!"

Linda Phillips

I was disguised as my "evil twin," working in my shop when Cynthia told me. "Oh no," I mumbled, "how embarrassing!"

"No no, you fool, she thinks it's great and that you're really good-looking as a woman."

"Really? Hmmm, good looking -- hmmm..." Now I'm like the rest of you -- give me a little compliment and I'm yours -- forever.

"And they want us to come see them and they want to meet linda!"

"Hmmm... gook looking, huh?" I could feel my head begin to swell and hoped it would go down long enough for my wig to fit again.

So we packed Linda into the car and drove up to see the relatives.

After much prodding by everyone, I changed into Linda.

Everything went great until my four-year-old niece saw me. (She had NOT been briefed.) "Uncle Jim, you look silly as a girl!" Oh well, you can't please everyone, but when I sat down she tried to put her hand up my dress. She wanted to know if I changed ALL over. KIDS!

Then my sister-in-law went to get the baby sitter, since we were all going out to eat. When the sitter, a giggly 15-year-old, arrived, my little niece said to her, "That's not really a girl, that's my Uncle Jim!" The poor girl just giggled. So much for the smooth pass!

Then I discovered that we were going out with a group of people who knew Jim but not Linda. This made me more than a little ner-

vous. If someone doesn't "know," that's great by me and I'll do my best to see that he doesn't find out. However,if someone does know, they could be your worst critic and it sometimes turns into a "watch the freak" sort of thing.

However, my brother-in-law made the whole thing OK. He explained to the others that I was not gay, just a "good guy" who had a kind of weird hobby of dressing up in women's clothes. Over drinks he told me I had a unique way of getting into my wife's head. "I wish I could do that," he said. "It's so hard to understand women."

"Not from my vantage point," I observed.

My brother-in-law treated me completely different than he ever had before, escorting me everywhere, opening car doors, and leaving my wife and her sister trailing in our wake. I couldn't help but wish that all CD's had a brother-in-law like him.

As the evening drew to a close, the group broke up into gender-segregated clusters, as usual. Linda found herself with the women, spared the boring details of football. She, of course, would rather talk with the girls. The curious situation here was that the women treated me exactly as another female, seemingly ignoring the fact that I was really a male. Nothing was taboo or not discussed because a male was present. I loved every minute of it! Nothing helps your confidence like talking to other women AS a woman.

The down side? Well, I noticed towards the end of our visit, about the time the kids started calling me "Aunt Linda", I was slowly but surely being ushered into that area reserved for women, my brother-in-law doing all the driving, making all the decisions, etc. If that's the penalty for passing as a female, it's OK by me!

My little niece (the eldest) who I have always felt special about, couldn't get enough of Linda. She kept her arm around me, hugging me at every opportunity--an absolutely wonderful experience.

I wish all of you the same experience if you decide to "tell" your relatives. Who knows, you may be missing a great opportunity to share your love for each other!

I was lucky in being on television, because most young people today are very visual, and if they see it on the good old tube, they assume it can't be all bad. Television will drag us out of the closet kicking and screaming into the 90's. I'm ready--are you?

CYNTHIA'S VERSION

Well, I've read Linda's version of our trip to see my sister, and believe it or not, everything happened the way Linda said. However, she did leave out some of the details on the reaction from my sister.

My sister and I had a LONG talk after she told me she "knew." However, I had to call her back, as I was completely speechless when she dropped the news on me. (I'm very seldom ever speechless.) Our parents are gone, and she and I are very close. She's known Jim since she was four years old, and she's now in her late 30's.

We had always wanted to tell her about Linda, but were too "chicken." After she married, we feared that if we told, her husband would cut us off. Then, after she had children, we really feared this possibility, as we love them dearly.

My sister's main feeling was hurt that we hadn't told them. She was concerned that we didn't think they were important enough to us to tell. I assured her that this wasn't true. She told me that before she called me, she contacted the phone number on the screen of IFGE, and asked them to send information to her, plus she ordered Transformations. This made me feel wonderful. She REALLY cared and was trying to learn more!

After we talked I wrote her a LONG letter and sent her pictures of Linda, and a copy of the booklet put out by Tri-Ess, with subjects such as 'Defining terms', 'Causes of Crossdressing', 'What Crossdressers Are Not', 'The Crossdresser's Family', and 'The Crossdresser and Society'. When she received the booklet, she sat down with the two older children, (7 and 9), and read it to them. She thought the booklet was a 'four star', and said it really helped her and the children.

(I recommend this booklet to everyone. It's well worth joining Tri-Ess for the booklet alone.)

Our brother-in-Law WAS fabulous to Linda, and he DID leave my sister and I trailing in their wake. I wouldn't have changed a thing.

IN MY SISTER-IN-LAW'S WORDS...

When my husband's friend called, telling us that Jim was going to be on TV in a dress, I was frightened, but curious to see what he had gotten into THIS time! I have known him almost all my life and he is not exactly what you would call average. He is forever surprising us with the things he does. He has never dressed like other men. He has always dressed a little feminine, but he is otherwise very masculine, so I never really paid that much attention to it. When my husband got one of his ears pierced back in the 70's, Jim got BOTH his pierced. I thought that was a bit odd.

So here I was watching my own brother-in-law on the screen in a pink dress, talking about being a transvestite! I had heard the word before and thought I knew what it meant. I had seen gay drag queens before and I assumed that transvestites were the same thing.

I KNEW Jim wasn't gay, so I was afraid he had joined some weird cult and they had talked him into going on TV like this. When he and my sister told their story, I thought, how could they have kept this a secret all these years?

My husband and my kids thought it was "neat." My initial reaction was feeling hurt that they had left me out of this obviously important part of their lives. I ordered the literature that was available, and after reading about it, I'm still not certain I really understand all of it.

When I met Jim as Linda, I was amazed. I was looking at and talking to a pleasant, good-looking, middle-aged woman. She showed us all her "tricks," but I still think it's like a dual personality. You would never believe this person was a man. She acts like an average woman, not effeminate or "swishy" as you might expect.

I am glad we got to meet "Linda". I believe knowing her enriches our lives. Why anyone would think this is a perversion, I can't imagine. I wish all men could express the feminine side of their personalities. It would probably be a better world if they did.

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SPECIAL FEATURE

PHOTO ALBUM -- PART I

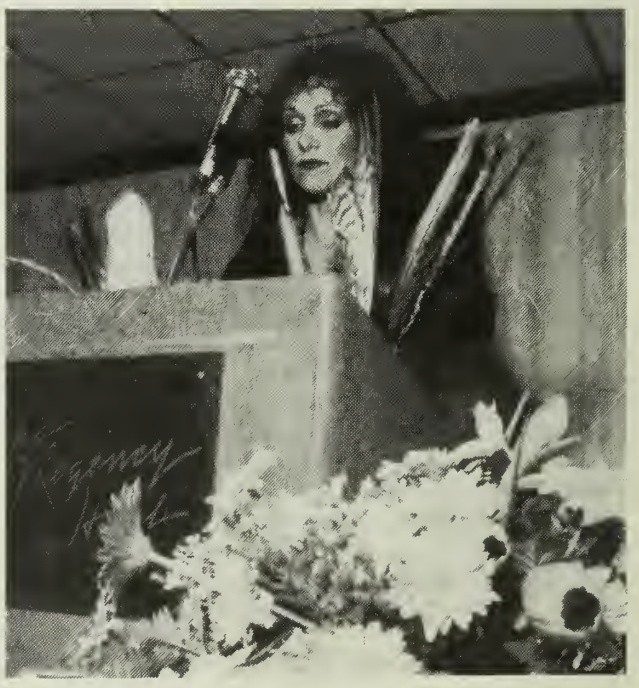
'COMING TOGETHER - WORKING TOGETHER' CONVENTION 1991

SPECIAL MOMENTS (Commentary by Merissa Sherrill Lynn):

Every event has its special moments... moments that stay in people's memories, and in their hearts. These moments happen unexpectedly, and are too often missed. 'Coming Together' is a working convention. We come together to work, learn, and tend to the business of our community. However, in spite of the convention's serious intent, we had an extraordinary number of these wonder ful special moments. Fortunately, our photographer, Renee Chevalier, captured many of these moments, and we would like to share a few of them with you.

Moment #1: Rena's Blessing

Traditionally, before every meal we ask a person of faith to bless our meal and share a few special thoughts. Usually, the blessings came from the Christian faith. This year one of our program presenters was Rena Swifthawk, a Kiowa Maho (berdache) living a traditional Native American lifestyle on the Southern Ute Reservation in Ignacio, Colorado. Prior to her transition Rena was a Chief (Roadman) in the Native American church. After her transition began, she became a Medicine Woman, a Shamaness. Becoming aware of Rena's spiritual and ceremonial background, Sister Mary Elizabeth recommended that Rena give a blessing. Without any idea of what we could expect, we asked Rena if she would bless our meal and share a few thoughts with us. She consented, and the result was a moment that none of us shall ever forget.



There she stood, in her robes, with her feathers, representing thousands, perhaps tens of thousands of years of tradition, a tradition that just a century ago was nearly wiped from the face of the earth. Without saying a word she glowed with an aura of love, and of spiritual power. We could feel her. People started crying before she even spoke. Then she spoke in a voice soft, and sweet, and gentle:

"First of all, I'd like to tell everyone about my Native American Traditions (the Old Ways). In my Kiowa tradition you and I are called 'Mahoes', and we are highly respected people because of this special gift we possess. Many tribes have stopped teaching the old ways, and have lost these traditions, but the majority of tribes still have the knowledge of the Old Ways. These Old Ways tell us how special we are, that we as human beings are important to the balance of Mother Earth."

She paused, bowed her head, and continued, **"Children of Mother Earth, let your spirit live. All of our lives ... pretending to live, only feeling stranded from the Universe ... the whole time surviving, because we have to, so we can live for the beauty of days like today.**

Through this, seeing with the eyes of our hearts that the ignorance of others could only make us stronger, so we can enjoy in a good way, Special Ones, the harmony, not only among ourselves, but also the harmony the direction of the Four Winds brings us.

Our coming out, Special Ones, is where the harmony of our balance lies, only to find out we love ourselves - more than we knew.

In meeting our resistance, we find our struggle all this time is not a sacrifice lost. It is our natural energy used properly. Because, Special Ones, it is our struggle that brought us here today.

The Old Ways are hard. We always had to work together in the past. That's what made us strong, and that is also what will make us stronger in the future ... working together.

Our tears should be tears of happiness, tears of joy, washing away the pain, cleansing the spirit, giving us strength to rebuild our future. This future starts here. Here is the foundation upon which we build up our cities of love and balance so all communities can live as one.

Through this balance, Special Ones, we will find freedom from our bonds.

We have felt out of place - looking for a place. Our American Dream, Special Ones, did not prepare us for this. It is the compassion of the founders of this organization who are making our dreams our reality ... a reality which we have shared together these last few days. For here laughter is real and disguises aren't necessary.

And to the Special Ones who have Special Ones, our spouses and friends.

At this time I would like to thank them, for their patience taught us so much at a time when our oun understandings were beaten down by insecurities. Their acceptance really was something special -- when knowing all they could do is reach out with love and tolerance ... through days of changing faces, changing names, supporting us.

Their love is as the love of the IFGE which unites us here today as one ... the love of our leaders who were given the tools to bring us here so that we know it is OK for us to be this way, to know that our specialness is important to this Earth ... as the rains are.

The rains feed Mother Earth and give her life. From this life we are fed. As we die we feed our Earth, so new life can grow.

At this time I would like to thank, in a good way, this Earth for feeding us today. As the knowledge that we have learned from this convention has fed us, let us take this with us so we can feed the ones who are still hiding, the ones who still feel pain, the ones who are waiting to be fed, because, Special Ones, we are all teachers.

At this time I want to tell you - - that I love you."

When she finished, the room was quiet... and it stayed quiet. People were crying... and Rena, we love you too!

Moment #2: Aleta's flowers

For many years Aleta Turner worked behind the scenes at the Gender Identity Center in Denver. She offered her time, her energy, and her resources, often without thanks. The members of GIC chose the National Convention, in front of 200 people, with cameras flashing, to publicly acknowledge and demonstrate both their appreciation and their affection for Aleta.

The flowers were a complete surprise .. to everyone... and once again, everyone was crying.

Aleta's flowers

Yvonne Cook

Moment #3: Yvonne's Trinity Award

1991 was the first year ever for the 'Trinity Awards'. The 'Trinity Awards' are intended to be our community's "Nobel Prize". They are intended to acknowledge our community's heros and heroines, and to acknowledge extraordinary acts of love and courage.

We knew the Trinity presentation was going to be special, for we had five extraordinary people (Mariette Pathy Allen, Dr. Stanley Biber, Yvonne cook Sheila kirk, and Ellen Summers,) and one extraordinary group (Boulton & Park) to honor. Also, we had three wonderfully talented people (Wendy Parker, Jim Bridges, and Anthony) teaming up to coordinate the Trinity evening. We knew it was going to be an evening to remember. We just had no idea how memorable it was going to be.

Our beautiful wood-paneled circular room was festively dressed in flowers and hundreds of yellow and purple baloons. Joy wafted through the air with the purfume, and the room was filled with laughter and an electrical sense of anticipation. Suddenly the room went dark and the air exploded with fanfare music. Slides telling the stories of the award recipients flashed on the screen... slide after slide after slide, and we all turned to each other, chills running down our spine, and without speaking we shouted WOW!

The awards were given and the tears were shed, but one award stood out above all others ... and that was Yvonne's.

Yvonne was already overcome with emotion when she was escorted to the stage. For five minutes she stood, clinging to her Trinity Award, tears rolling down her cheeks. Finally, she was able to say a bearly audible "Thank you!" Try as she may, she could say no more. Her tears made crybabies of us all.

I was the biggest crybaby of them all, for I knew, from intense personal experience, just how deserving Yvonne was of this award.

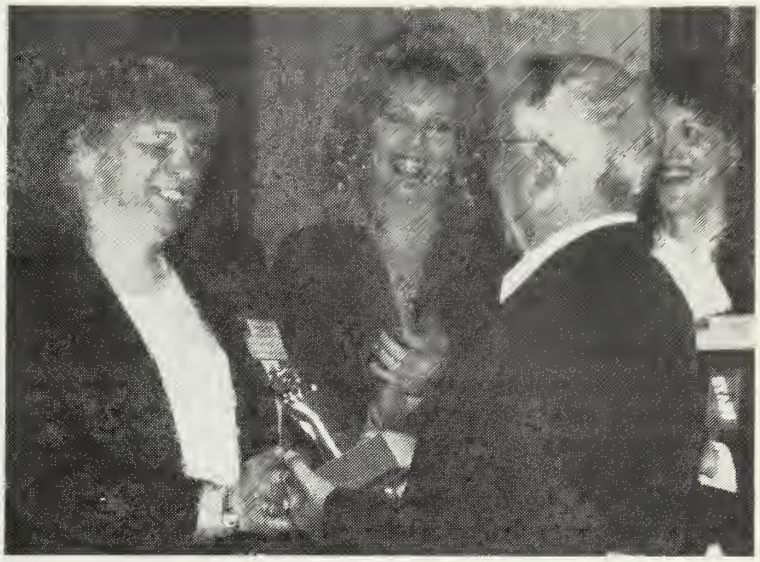
In the winter of 1988 I nearly died from exhaustion and sickness. I was forced to tell the IFGE Board of Directors that I could no longer carry the load alone. Then Yvonne told the Board she would move to Boston to help IFGE. She had just given up her home, her lucrative and secure carrer, her family, and her relationship in order to serve our community. Yvonne Cook gave up everything, and in the process, saved IFGE.!

Yvonne's act was an extraordinary and an unprecidented act of courage, self sacrifice, and love. No one deserved her award more.

So Yvonne, there was no need to say anything. Your tears said everything. Yours were tears of joy. Ours were tears of gratitude.

With Love,
-- Merissa Sherrill Lynn

Moment #4: Stanley's Trinity



Dr. Stanley Biber has performed over 3,000 sexual reassignment surgeries, more than any other surgeon in the world. To many people in transition, Stanley's hospital in Trinidad, Colorado, has become like Shangri La, the destination where misery and disharmony cease to exist. Without a doubt, Stanley is one of the world's finest surgeons, yet he remains a down-to-earth human being, and a loving and caring parent to thousands of new sons and daughters. Stanley is their "daddy."

Because of his long career as an outstanding medical caretaker, and as a loving and caring friend, we were proud to present Dr. Biber with a Trinity Award. Unfortunately, he was not able to be with us during presentation ceremonies, but during Saturday's Keynote Speaker's Luncheon five of his "daughters" presented him with his Trinity. That special little ceremony provided us with another moment we will long remember.

First, Wendi Pierce (Chairperson IFGE Board of Directors, author of 'The Trinidad Experience' which appeared in Issue #56) presented Stanley with his Trinity, and said a few words of love and thanks. Then Marcia (Director of the Ingersoll Center) said a few words of love and thanks. Then Kay spoke, then Jennifer, and finally Da'nelle Martin.

By the time Jennifer finished speaking even those in the audience with no understanding whatever of the transsexual experience began to understand how important and how appreciated Dr. Biber was. But it wasn't until Da'nelle Martin spoke that we began to understand how deeply loved he was.

Da'nelle had already been crying when she approached the microphone. When she spoke, she spoke with her heart... deep and sincere. We all felt her emotion, and cried along with her. Her hands shook, her voice waivered, and tears creased her cheeks. She then turned to her "daddy," hesitated, then said, **"Stanley, thank you for giving me my life."**

She then gave him a warm and grateful hug. We all did.

(L-R: Jennifer M., Kay M., Marcia B., Dr. Stanley Biber, Da'nelle M., Wendi P.

Moment #5: Rocky Horror

The photo to the right is of Laurie C., daughter of Dianna C. (co-coordinator GIC Host Committee), after learning the effect her efforts had on the 'Coming Together' convention and on the Gender Identity Center.

Friday evening at the convention was an open night, so the GIC folks got together with our convention staff and proposed a party. We were going to pass the hat for donations to help offset the cost of the party. However, if we were successful with our contributions, and since one of the purposes of the convention is to do some outreach work into the local community, we decided to donate whatever net proceeds we may have to a local charity of GIC's choice (other than GIC). GIC chose the Denver Foundation. At best we would have a good time, do some good public relations work with the Denver community, and have some money to give to the Denver Foundation. At worst, we would have a good time.

Laurie C. heard of our fund raising intentions, and offered to come and help us. She was part of the local 'Rocky Horror' staff, and offered her staff for the party. (She was also a college student, and drove over 400 miles to be with us for that evening, which added to our appreciation of her effort.) Well, none of us had ever seen the Rocky Horror, and it sounded like fun, so we took Laurie up on her offer. She and her staff did a fantastic job, especially considering she was dealing with a room full of Rocky Horror virgins who needed to be coached throughout the entire movie. (Toast? What's that for?) We yelled, and screamed, and made a terrible mess, but ohhhh, we did have fun.

During lunch the next day Laura Smiley, co-coordinator of the GIC Host Committee, stood up to report the results of our fund raiser. We knew we had at least broken even, with a little, perhaps even as much as a few hundred dollars, left over for the Denver Foundation. Laura found it very difficult to conceal her glee. She thanked everyone for their support, and especially thanked Laurie and her staff. The net result of their efforts was **$1,279.00!**

We were all shocked. We all started jumping up and down like a bunch of kids, cheering and crying... and the happiest of us all was Laurie C.

Moment #6: Betty Ann

Betty Ann Lind was the 5th recipient of the 'Virginia Prince Lifetime Contribution' award. (*See report in the News section, page 85.*)

Betty Ann:

"You have, as have I, dedicated over 15 years of your life to helping others live happier and better lives. I just wanted you to know that because of the love in your heart, and for all the good you have done, and for all the people you have helped ... I love you sister!"

-- Merissa Sherrill Lynn

Merissa Sherrill Lynn & Betty Ann Lind

Moment #7: Passing the IFGE football

Each year the IFGE football is passed from the current convention host organization to the next host organization.In 1989 ETVC of San Francisco picked up the IFGE football, and as was San Francisco's tradition, they had a championship year. At the end of the 1989 convention ETVC passed the football to the Tiffany Club of New England, and the 1990 convention was fantastic. However, in 1990 TCNE passed the football to the Gender Identity Center of Denver, and as could have been expected when a football is passed from a New England quarterback to a Denver receiver, the ball was dropped. HOWEVER, Denver had some great open field runners, and the 1991 convention was fantastic ... far and away the best ever. The folks at GIC did a simply magnificent job.

Then, on Sunday morning when the convention was winding down, and people were sharing hugs and tearful fairwells, it was time once again to pass the football. I refereed... Denver behind me to my left, Texas to my right. The Denver quarterback (Jill) temporarily refused to give up the ball, an intense struggle followed causing a fumble, brilliantly recovered by Texas, and now Texas has the ball and is off and running.

Good luck Texas ... see you next year!

Rena Swifthawk & Sister Mary Elizabeth

'Virginia Prince Lifetime Contribution' Award Winners
L-R: Merissa Sherrill Lynn (1988), Betty Ann Lind (1991), Virginia Prince (1987), Ariadne Kane (1989), Sister Mary Elizabeth SSE

SPECIAL PEOPLE (commentary by Merissa Sherrill Lynn):

Special people are like special moments; they appear so unexpectedly, and they have such great impact. Like special moments, you can't plan for special people. You can only marvel at their existence, stand back, and let them happen. Denver '91 was filled with special people. In fact, in that respect Denver '91 was the richest convention ever. I feel honored to be able to introduce you to a few of those special people.

#1: Danni Lederman

Danni claimed the titles of Assistant General Manager and Director of Catering for the Regency Hotel. Long before the convention was over, even before the convention began, we gave her the title of friend.

In her role as representative for the Regency, she did a masterful job. The best compliment I can pay her is if I owned a hotel, I would want Danni to run it for me. She was just great, but I am not calling Danni a special person because of the wonderful job she did. I am calling her a special person for what she did beyond her job. She helped us set up workshops, and fund raisers, and helped us with public relations. She went skiing with us (and I tell you she was some good, I guess prob'ly, a real joy to ski with). She laughed with us, and cried with us, and partied with us. She listened to our thoughts and feelings, and shared with us her thoughts and feelings. Danni Lederman was an outstanding business person, a good friend, and a quality human being. She was one of our convention's most special people.

Danni Lederman

Laura Smiley & Dianna C.

#2: Laura Smiley, Dianna C.

Laura and Dianna re-wrote the book on how to coordinate a convention host organization. In fact, I have asked them to do exactly that... write the book so other organizations could learn how to do it properly. As the convention's director, it was my job to help the host organizations understand their responsibilities, and help them fulfill those responsibilities. Laura and Dianna needed no help. In fact, they were telling me what to do. I just sat back and watched them do their thing, and it was a thing of beauty... public relations, outreach, marketing, everything. Just beautiful.

I want to highlight Laura's and Dianna's leadership, but the real praise goes to the membership of the GIC. Leaders like Laura and Dianna aren't very effective generals without good troops, and I do have to say GIC had the best. Everything -- just right -- right down the line, from the ski trip, to the flowers, to the radio and television shows, to

the newspaper interviews, to the distribution of fliers, to the parties, to the dining out, to the fund raisers -- everything.

Laura, Dianna, GIC, you were fantastic, and I want the world to know it. The convention was the best we have ever had, and it was because of you.

#3: Bruce & Michelle Dane

Bruce and Michelle were friends of GIC, and through osmosis, friends of our community. They knew computers, and offered to help out with our daily newsletter. Since our regular communications coordinator was unable to attend the '91 convention, I was grateful for their offer. When their first daily newsletter rolled off the press I looked at it in amazement. Yes, it had all the information I wanted, but I wasn't looking at a newsletter, I was looking at a professional piece of work, and I said to myself, "Wow, where did these wonderful people come from?"

8:00 a.m. the next morning, I staggered into our first daily staff meeting, and lo, there were Michelle and Bruce. "Good heavens!" I exclaimed, "What are you doing here?"

"We haven't been to bed yet. We just finished today's newsletter, and we're waiting to see what you want in tomorrow's."

These two "volunteers" had brought in their own computer equipment, and had worked through the entire night to produce a beautiful and informative newsletter, and stayed up in preparation for doing it again that night. They not only did it again that night, they did it every night throughout the convention. I wasn't impressed with their contribution, I was overwhelmed. They truly were two of this convention's most special people.

#4: Rena Swifthawk

I have already shared with you a special moment given to us by Rena, and mentioned that she was at the convention as a workshop presenter. Those two things alone did not qualify Rena for my list of special people. This is what qualified her.

Rena's responsibilities ended with the conclusion of her workshop on Wednesday afternoon. As I mentioned, Rena was a Medicine Woman, a healer. She was also a helper. At first, before her workshop began, I did not know who she was. I thought she was just a very active and enthusiastic volunteer from GIC. I turned around and there she was helping unload boxes. Turned around again and there she was helping to register and welcome people. Turned around again and there she was running errands. At first I thought to myself, "Great! GIC has a gem in this one." Then I found out she was one of our major presenters, and I was completely taken aback. In all our conventions I've never seen a presenter work so hard to help us with the grunt work.

Bruce & Michelle Dane

When her workshop was completed, I expected her to leave, but once again there she was helping with the grunt work. Turned around and there she was helping with the transsexual workshops. Turned around again and there she was holding hands with someone in pain, doing her healing work. Turned around again and there she was spreading very warm and loving and healing touches of Rena wherever she went.

Rena touched people, perhaps more people than anyone else, "in a good way!"

#5: Da'nelle Martin

Da'nelle is a professional musician and composer. We first heard of Da'nelle through a recommendation from Tau Chi in Houston, and from the Texas T-Party. Da'nelle also sent us a few of her tapes, and offered us her services for the convention. She was a wonderful musician, and we gladly accepted her offer. In Denver she gave us a terrific show, but as I said, just coming to the convention and doing what you're supposed to, doesn't qualify you for my 'Special Persons' list. This is what qualified Da'nelle.

Da'nelle's language was music, and she spoke to us beautifully at every opportunity... at the banquet.... for the Fund Raiser... for fun. She was also a Priestess in the Wicca faith, and like Rena, gave us a very special blessing, a blessing based on the greater good of all, on education, and on love. (See Part II in Issue #59.) It was a message we

needed to hear, and a message we needed to live by... and Da'nelle lived her message through her music, through her magic, through her actions. Throughout the entire convention Da'nelle was one of those rare and very special people who continually gave of herself to help other people. I cannot possibly tell you how much I admire and appreciate that quality in another human being.

Da'nelle Martin

Rena Swifthawk & Da'nelle Martin

Kim Schreiber

#6: Kim Schreiber

Kim ran the pool party... great party! (See Part II in issue #59.) What can I say about Kim other than Kim is a party. Kim brought to the convention an incomparable personality; alive, happy, full of life, and enthusiasm... one more very special person from GIC. Every time I turned around there was Kim helping somebody, or making somebody laugh. When she wasn't working she was parked in front of somebody waiting to be put to work.

Extraordinary!

DENVER '91 CONVENTION STAFF

Front row, L-R: Frances Fairfax (Staff Coordinator), Christina Young (TS Programs Coordinator), Laura Smiley (Host Organization Coordinator), Bette Lee Johnson (Convention Coordinator), Donna Mobley (Audio/Visual Coordinator), Kim Schreiber (Pool Party), Wendy Parker (Trinity Awards, Entertainment)

Back row, L-R: Renee Chevalier (Photography Coordinator), Nancy Cole (Audio/Visual, Photography), Dianna C. (Host Organization Coordinator), Marie Gunnerson (Registration Coordinatior), Sheila Kirk (Tier II Programs Coordinator), Yvonne Cook (Financial Coordinator), Merissa Sherrill Lynn (Convention Director), Dawn Law (Tier I Programs Coordinator), Brenda Dwyer (Registrar), Kerri Reeder (Communications Coordinator), Jennifer Matanky (Ski Trip), Jane Ellen Fairfax (Staff Coordinator)

Denver '9
Communications Staff
Seated: Bruce & Michelle Dane
Standing L-R: Sharon Ann Stuart, Kerri Reeder (Coordinator), Jenny Stevens, Barbara McClorey, Brenda Larson.
(Missing: Ann Forrester)

Denver '91
Tier I Programs Staff
L-R: Matt Doutre (F-M Programs)
Linda & Cynthia Phillips
(Wives Programs)
Christina Young (TS Programs)
Dawn Law
(Tier I Programs Coordinator)
Wendy Parker (Special Programs)
Roger Peo (Professional Programs)

Christina Young (TS Programs Coordinator)

Dawn Law (Tier I Programs Coordinator)
with Jim Bridges & Anthony
(Dawn's the short one in the middle)

SPECIAL REPORT:

(This report was edited by Vivian Purves from the more comprehensive booklet prepared by Laura for distribution at the Denver '91 convention. If you would like a copy of the complete booklet, write: ***IFGE Fund Raising Committee, P.O. Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778.)***

CHARITABLE GIVING, METHODS AND TAX BENEFITS TO BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY

by: Laura Smiley, J.D., Attorney at Law
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"To give away money is an easy matter and in any man's power. But to decide to whom to give it, and how large and when, and for what purpose and how, is neither in every man's power nor an easy matter."

-- Aristotle, 344 BC

The International Foundation for Gender Education is a non-profit, tax exempt corporation. Its broad objectives are to provide effective service to our community, and to improve the future for all. The IFGE accomplishes these objectives through its variety of publications('Tapestry', 'Legal Aspects', 'Wives & Partners', etc.), its professionally managed business offices, the Congress of Representatives (our networking and communications system), programs such as the 'Coming Together' Convention, and through its cooperative action committees such as the Educational Resources Committee. The Foundation is an educational resource, and the primary means through which cooperative action can occur.

The Fund Raising Committee has been analyzing the long and short term financial needs of the corporation. These include paying a staff living wages high enough to ensure IFGE's services through the next decade and beyond, funding for scholarships, leadership training programs, grants, outreach centers, and marketing to our community's needs.

The current funding for the IFGE comes almost exclusively from the sale of publications. If we are to provide adequate support for all our activities, we must have funding alternatives. The 'Winslow Street Fund' is one of these.

The 'Winslow Street Fund' (named after the site of the first national leadership conference and the first fund raising committee meeting) is a permanent endowment fund. The income from this fund will supplement the existing sales and activities incomes. By donating to the Winslow Street Fund, you ensure that your gift will have a lasting impact on the community. Only the income from your gift will be spent.

The tax benefits of giving to the IFGE can be reaped in several ways:

* Since the Foundation is a tax exempt corporation, any donations can be deducted on Schedule A.
* Capital Gains tax on appreciated property is avoided.
* Inheritance tax is eliminated on the value of property willed to the Foundation.
* The right to receive income from the donated property can be maintained through the life of the donor, or other named beneficiaries.
* Spendable income can be increased with certain planning arrangements.

OUTRIGHT GIFTS, LIFE INSURANCE

Cash gifts occur for tax purposes when delivered or mailed. The IRS allows a deduction of up to 50% of your adjusted gross income, with a five year carry forward of any excess. The tax saving realized will increase with one's tax bracket.

Appreciated property that has been held more than one year can be donated for the current market value. You can deduct the current market value up to 30% of your AGI, with a five year carry forward of any excess. The tax advantage beyond the deduction is the elimination of the capital gains tax on the property's appreciation.

There are two ways to use life insurance: making the Foundation the beneficiary, and donating the policy itself. In the first case, there are no immediate tax advantages because you retain ownership of the policy. Its value is included in your estate, but there is no inheritance tax because that value is offset by the contribution deduction. If you assign ownership of the

policy to the IFGE, you may take as a deduction the lesser of the current market value or the sum of the premiums paid. You may also take as deductions any premiums you pay on the policy in the future.

LIFE INCOME PLANS

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

Charitable remainder trusts are trusts set up so the income is received by some named beneficiaries, but the ownership of the trust has already gone to the charity. At death, the trust itself reverts completely to the charity, income and all. The trusts are usually made up of appreciated assets like real estate, publicly traded stock, closely held stock, art collections, whatever. The tax advantages are elimination of the capital gains tax on the assets, deduction for the appreciated value at the time of donation to the trust, and elimination of the inheritance tax. The income received by the beneficiaries before the grantor's death is taxable in the usual way. The grantor retains some control over the trust, but the trust itself is irrevocable.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST

Charitable remainder unitrusts are much like charitable remainder trusts except that the income paid to the beneficiaries for the life of the trust can vary, but must be at least 5% of the value of the contributed property. The trust instrument may include provisions to allow additional contributions. The tax advantages are about the same as they are for the charitable remainder trust.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER ANNUITY TRUST

The main differences between the annuity trust and the unitrust are that the payments to the beneficiaries of the annuity trust are fixed and must be at least 5% of the value of the assets at the time of contribution, and additions cannot be made to the annuity trust.

POOLED INCOME FUND

Funds from several separate donors are pooled to form a trust. At the death of each donor, a proportion of the assets equal to the fraction (s)he originally gave reverts to the charity. Each named beneficiary receives a proportionate amount of the trust income.

WEALTH REPLACEMENT TRUSTS

The wealth replacement trust is a charitable remainder trust with an asset, usually an insurance policy, to replace the value lost from the estate by the donation of the assets to the charity. Some of the income tax savings realized when the trust is set up are used to buy an insurance policy equal in value to the assets of the trust. The grantor's heirs are made the beneficiaries of the policy. The insurance policy is given to the trust so that both its cash value and any subsequent premiums are tax deductible. As long as the grantor dies at least three years after the trust is set up, the heirs get the same inheritance they would have gotten, the IFGE Winslow Street Fund keeps the assets of the trust, and the grantor collected the income from the trust as long as (s)he lived. It's a win, win, win, situation!

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS

The charitable lead trust is the reverse of the charitable remainder trust: the donor maintains ownership of the assets while the charity gets the income generated. At the end of the trust, the assets revert to the donor, or go to designated, non-charitable beneficiaries. The tax advantages are more subtle. It can be a cheap way to transfer ownership of assets to one's heirs.

WILLS

Gifts by will allow a person to make significant donations that may not have been possible in life. There are four common types of bequests:

* Specific Bequest: you designate the Winslow Street Fund to receive a specific amount of money or piece of property.
* Residuary Bequest: you would leave to the Winslow Street Fund all of your property after all debts, expenses, taxes and other beneficiaries had been paid.
* Contingent Bequest: you ensure that your property will go to the Winslow Street Fund instead of to other unintended beneficiaries.
* Restricted Bequest: you may want to restrict your bequest to a particular purpose, to support some particular part of the operation you favor, or to fund something you think needs doing.

LIFE INCOME FOR A BENEFICIARY

A charitable bequest can be made to set up a CRT, a unitrust, a gift annuity, or a pooled income fund. If such a gift is made by will, the principal will pass to the Winslow Street Fund only after the donor and the life beneficiary have died.

CONCLUSION

This report is by no means exhaustive, but it gives you an idea of the ways in which you can support the International Foundation for Gender Education that perhaps you had not, before now, even imagined. The variety of ways to give, and to get paid back for having done so is truly astounding!

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UNDERDRESS FOR SUCCESS

by Marlene Ball

I'm an active and dedicated crossdresser. I have accepted myself for what I am, and crossed that most difficult hurdle of all--I like me! I really like the feminine me. Oh, I'm not beautiful: I'm a size 14-16, my tummy's too big, my fanny's too flat, my legs are too bony, and my nose is too big. My only truly positive feminine feature is a "fleshy" chest that can fill a 34C bra without reinforcement. Still, I like me.

I don't know what percentage of me is female. I don't suppose it really matters. I do know it's a large part of me, and has been for as long as I can remember. For a lot of years I didn't like myself for what I was. What a waste of emotions that was! Like the saying goes--I am what I am. At long last I accept the woman in me. I'm really starting to work on being all I can be.

As part of my commitment to my feminine self, I decided to be feminine whenever I felt like it. This was pretty often. I quickly learned that it encompassed all of my personal time alone and it was frustrating every time I had to "change back" into my fully masculine role. The "change back" was necessary every time I had to interface with other people, with the exception of the few other crossdressers I met along the way. I'm not a TS; I know that for certain. There are times when I really enjoy my masculine role. Yet unquestionably my dominant personality is female. My personal commitment to myself--to be all I can--simply couldn't be met in the real world without going "public"--an unacceptable alternative to me.

While it's certainly nothing new to most crossdressers, I discovered for myself five years ago the way to bridge the masculine/feminine gap. I express my feminine self underneath my everyday male clothes. I call this "underdressing." In my life it has made a big difference, any risks far outweighing the rewards. I have discovered that many CD's are afraid to underdress, but the few who I have "converted" seem highly pleased with the practice. My recent conversion of Tina is the catalyst for this article.

I've known Tina for a year. A month ago she invited me to dinner on a week night. I came directly from work and arrived, suitcase in hand, in my grey business suit. She too was still in masculine clothing, having arrived home only a few minutes before I got there. We decided that we didn't need privacy and proceeded to change together in her bedroom. Tina was in a state of disbelief as I removed the last of my masculine vestments, revealing my normal array of underfashions--matching Lejaby bra/panties/garterbelt, stockings and camisole.

In answer to her question, I explained that I dress like that every work day, have for five years, have never had any problems, and find the practice exceedingly enjoyable. Tina's logical barrage of questions all revolved around the same theme--"Aren't you afraid of discovery?" I responded that I could think of very few circumstances under which I would be found out.

To be honest, I was "discovered" on two separate occasions over the last five years. The first time was when a sudden illness necessitated a trip to my doctor. I had on male undies, but discovered too late that the marks on my chest were quite obviously made by a brassiere. The attending nurse expressed curiosity. I confessed to being a crossdresser and she simply whispered with a smile, "Don't wear your bra so tight!" The doctor said nothing.

The second incident occurred at an impromptu after-work office gathering a local drinking establishment. I met a very attractive woman and asked her to slow-dance. It was a calculated risk, and one that I probably should have avoided. But I really did want to dance with this lovely creature, and the men's room didn't provide the privacy needed to get my bra off. Almost immediately her hand discovered my bra clasp. Before she said a word, I said, "If you'll permit me, I'd like to explain that." She did, and I did, and we had an enjoyable evening. I don't think she ever revealed my secret.

My own introduction to underdressing was through a friend who had practiced it for many years. He shared with me about his experience being discovered. He was in a serious auto accident and ended up in the emergency ward with a broken neck. His attending physician removed his bra and panties and reassured him by saying that he was by no means the first male emergency room patient to be so attired.

The cautions that go along with underdressing are simple. Keep well covered. If you work in a suit and wear a bra, always wear a vest or sweater under your jacket. If you don't wear a jacket, it may be to risky to wear a bra, but you may be able to get away with a camisole. Just about everybody can at least wear panties and probably stockings.

This week I received a letter form Tina containing two ads. The first was for Hanes Her Way bras and panties and read: "Beneath my work clothes I wear something a little special--a Hanes Her Way satin and lace bra." The other ad read, over a picture of a lovely woman in a gorgeous "My Favorite Fantasy" bra: "The Hidden Side of the girl in the grey flannel suit."

Tina's letter read in part, "These ads made me think about you. I wish I could express how wonderful it feels to be a full-time woman. Thank you so much for acquainting me with and talking me into wearing lingerie under my male attire. No matter what I'm involved in now, I can know that I'm feminine underneath."

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PSYCHOLOGY:

DECIDING TO BEGIN THERAPY

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When Can a Therapist Be Helpful?

People often consider psychotherapy, then questions arise that get in the way of a decision. Does one have to be "crazy" to seek out a therapist? Does one have to be at a point where all is lost and one is dangling off the nearest bridge? And how does one find a therapist, anyhow? The purpose of writing this article is to address some of these questions that keep people ambivalent about beginning therapy, often to their own detriment.

Various issues bring one to psychotherapy. For some, it is feelings of depression, isolation, anger, and sadness. For others, symptoms such as compulsive behaviors, addiction to drugs or to alcohol, phobias, anxiety attacks, or suicide attempts signal the need for help. Circumstances such as losses, job layoffs, or divorce may bring about emotional changes which become difficult to manage. Any and all of these, and many more, are legitimate reasons for anyone to seek the assistance of a therapist.

The reasons for crossdressers to go into therapy are no different from those listed above. It is also important to say that being a cross dresser is not necessarily a reason to be in therapy. On the other hand, some cross dressers have maintained this secret for years, and have never talked about it with anyone. The sense of isolation and of shame can have a devastating effect on one's self esteem, to say nothing of one's relationships at home, at work, with friends, or with lovers. What about this person's ability to focus and develop to his or her fullest potential? What about the person whose cross dressing becomes the focus of personal or interpersonal conflict? These are additional good reasons for a cross dresser to seek the help of a therapist.

When Is One Ready?

To draw a physical metaphor: When the pain is great enough, a person will begin to limp. Then, it is time to seek help. In other words, when the sadness occurs too often, when the loss is too great, or the confusion gets in the way of work or love, it is time to include someone else on the journey. Don't wait until life is a crisis. If you have waited long enough to be in a crisis, get some help immediately. A good rule of thumb is: Never worry alone. You do not live in a vacuum.

Finding a Therapist

Finding a therapist is the next task, and not a simple one at that. Remember: YOU ARE THE CONSUMER. In other words, since you pay the tab, you should be working with someone you trust, and in whom you have confidence, both in their skills, and in their personality.

While the Yellow Pages is a legitimate source of names, keep in mind that therapy is a very personal thing, and there may be referral sources that are more personal. If you know someone who is happy with his or her therapist, this is a good place to start. BUT, do not expect to share the therapist. Close friends who attempt to share a therapist sometimes find that feelings of competition, worries about confidentiality, and loyalty issues intrude either upon the therapy relationship, or upon the friendship. Keep the boundaries clear and ask for a referral through the friend's therapist. Good therapists associate with other good therapists and can give good referrals.

Some therapists who have expertise in working with the crossgender community advertise in publications like the TAPESTRY, or in the publications of local crossdressing organizations. Some advertise in other publications that come out of the gay and lesbian communities. State chapters of professional organizations, such as the National Association of Social Workers, have referral services which list clinicians by particular areas of expertise. One can request the names of clinicians with experience with the crossgender community. Gender clinics, and physicians who provide medical services to people in the gender community, e.g. endocrinologists and internists, may also be resources for good mental health consultation and ongoing therapy.

Cost

Private therapists, that is practitioners not associated with a public clinic, tend to be more costly than their public sector counterparts. Cost also depends on their level of professional training. For example, psychiatrists (who are also trained as medical doctors, and can prescribe medication) generally charge the highest fees. Psychologists, who sometimes do behavioral therapy and who can provide psychological testing, tend to have slightly lower fees than psychiatrists. Social workers, whose fees are comparable to or slightly lower than those of psychologists, often are skilled in family and couples work as well as in individual therapy. The above are generalizations. While all the professionals listed above provide individual therapy, their skill specialties vary greatly from person to person. You must inquire and examine.

Some therapists have a sliding scale for fees. This means that while their fee is usually a certain amount, they will adjust it according to the client's ability to pay. This is not often the case with private therapists, but it is worth asking about before you make an appointment, particularly if finances are tight. Public clinics are likely to have a sliding fee scale based on income and family size. Usually, application must be made and income documented before you could be eligible for a reduced fee. One draw back to public clinics is that therapists may well not have experience with crossgendered people. This may or may not be a problem for you. It is sometimes more important to find a therapist who is a good match for you, and who is willing to educate him or herself about the issues specific to the cross gender community. Another drawback to public clinics is that in addition to permanent staff members, they employ trainees who leave after an internship. Changing therapists after one year or less of therapy can be difficult. On the other hand, nothing is forever, and even permanent staff members leave due to unanticipated life circumstances.

Health Insurance

If you have health insurance, it should provide an annual benefit for, "Outpatient Mental Health Services." Check to find out how much per year your policy provides. Your insurance card may have a phone number on it which you can call for this information. You can also check in your health insurance coverage booklet, or with your employee benefits department at work. Some plans have a deductible amount you must pay each year before the policy will start to cover the cost. This is usually between $150.00 and $250.00, but varies from plan to plan. Some plans pay 100% of each session up to a certain amount each year. Others pay a certain percentage of each session up to a fixed amount, requiring the insured (you) to pay a stipulated co-payment for each session.

Most large insurance companies, Blue Cross, Blue Shield, and Aetna, for example, allow you to pick your own therapist. They will pay benefits as described above, providing the therapist is licensed as a qualified service provider. Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO's) require you to see one of their designated mental health clinicians. If you should choose a therapist other than the one they designate, they will not pay the costs. HMO's usually provide only very short term psychotherapy. Those seeking ongoing therapy, that is, in excess of eight to ten sessions, may wish to ask for a referral outside the HMO. The HMO usually will not pay for this therapy. Employee Assistance Programs (EAP's) also require you to see a therapist with whom they have a contract. However, if you require a therapist with special expertise, i.e., one with experience in cross gender issues, they may approve a therapist of your choosing, as long as the therapist is licensed in your state.

It is important to address the issue of licensing. The good news is that possession of a license ensures that the therapist has met some basic standards of education and competence. This is quality assurance in action. Insurance companies will only reimburse licensed therapists. The bad news is that licensing does not guarantee that the therapist is good, or is a good match for you.

In some states, anyone can hang out a shingle and call him or herself a therapist. This means that an unlicensed person could be a charlatan, and, worse, your insurance wouldn't pay for it either. On a more optimistic note, there are some unlicensed therapists who, because of their experience in particular issues, are fine therapists. It is up to you, the consumer, to assess the trade off.

Now, just to confuse matters, I should mention that there are some people who have insurance coverage who choose not to use it. That is, they pay full fee to their therapist without involving their insurance company. Some of these people are: those who have HMO's and choose a therapist outside the plan, those who want to work with a therapist who is unlicensed or is otherwise not approved as a service provider by his/her insurance company, those who choose therapists who, while licensed, will not accept insurance reimbursement, and those who want to avoid the recording of the diagnosis required by the insurance companies that might affect their future eligibility for life or disability insurance. The last two categories are consumers and/or therapists who feel that one's emotional life should remain separate from one's insurance life.

The Match

A very important part of choosing a therapist is interviewing him or her.A good therapist will not mind giving you information about his or her training and credentials, and about his or her methods of therapy. If the therapist is not a medical doctor, you may want to know who he or she uses as a medical back up if you need a medical consultation, usually medication. Beyond this, you should assess your own comfort level with the therapist. Having a clinician with the proper training and experience is half the battle. Finding one that is also a good match for you is the other half. You need not make a decision to continue therapy with this person at the end of the first session. One session does not obligate you. You should feel free to think about it, to come back for another session, and/or to interview one or two more therapists before making a commitment. Most people do not want to spend too much time and money in this process, but, nobody should work with a therapist who is not a good match.

Some questions you might ask yourself are:

1) Do I like this person?

2) Does s/he seem interested in me and in my issues?

3) Is s/he knowledgeable about people, and do I like this therapist's ideas about therapy?

4) Is s/he clear about the therapy contract? Can s/he answer payment, fee, and insurance questions? Is it clear to me how long sessions last, how often we would meet, and when payment is due?

5) Can I be open with this person?

6) Do I have confidence that this person can be helpful?

7) Do I trust this person?

What to Expect out of Therapy

As briefly described above, the first two or three sessions should be considered by you to be opportunities to assess the match between you and the prospective therapist. The therapist will want to make clear the treatment contract, and begin to gather information about you and your reasons for choosing to be in therapy.

Confidentiality will be one issue to discuss. The therapist should explain this to you. Generally, this means your therapist cannot share information about you with other people. There are two cases in which your therapist would disregard your confidentiality: if s/he felt you were in danger of harming yourself, or, if s/he felt you were in danger of harming someone else.

Another situation in which the specifics of confidentiality would be important to discuss would be in the event of his or her testimony being anticipated in a divorce or in a custody matter. Laws differ slightly depending on the credentials of the therapist.

Initial sessions will be opportunities for you to tell the therapist about yourself, and about the issues that have brought you to therapy. The therapist will ask you about your family, your growing up years, and about the people who are in your life at the present. This helps to understand the context in which you developed into the person you are. The therapist will want to know what you expect out of therapy, and how you would like him or her to be helpful. You will also have the opportunity to ask some questions of the therapist, and to form your impression of the therapist's style. It is an opportunity to express reservations you may have about therapy, whether based on fears, past experience, or on the experience of friends.

You must be an active participant in a therapy relationship. I am reminded of someone who once said to me that he was looking for a therapist, " . . . to give me therapy." My thought was that he would be looking for along time. One cannot be the passive recipient of a commodity called "therapy." One must actively engage in a therapy relationship.

The therapy relationship can be likened to a laboratory in which relationships can be examined. The therapy relationship is a powerful tool with which to learn about what you bring, both positively and negatively, to relationships. It is not uncommon for one to experience in the therapy relationship the kinds of dynamics that one experiences with family, with friends, and with partners. These are all opportunities to experiment with change.

One question often asked is, "How long will therapy take?" The answer is, "As long as it takes." To expand on what is truly not meant to be a curt response, the duration of the therapy depends on many factors. Consider how long the issues that brought you to therapy took to develop. Change cannot be measured in the number of hours logged in therapy, but in the amount of work you are willing to do.

It is important to mention ending therapy, or, what we in the field call, "termination." Endings are important, just as important as first impressions and beginnings. This is one reason why funeral rituals and traditions exist, to help those who must go on. Leaving therapy should be negotiated between you and your therapist.

A word in closing: while the preceding may sound like a lot of work, it is. However, being in therapy can be the best choice you can make when other life circumstances and the pain involved tell you that a change is needed. Therapy should make you feel like someone is in your corner. It can be fun, supportive, and inordinately helpful in ways that stay with you long after the relationship has ended. You are worth it!

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A DECLARATION OF WAR

Jane Ellen Fairfax

Linda, Cynthia, Jan, ladies of Boulton & Park and Heart of Texas, sisters and brothers....

Thank you very much for allowing me to share a few thoughts with you. As I look around the room, I see the joyful faces of people having a good time. You have, indeed, every reason to be happy. Over our community, the sun of peace is shining brightly. Everywhere, crossgendered brothers and sisters are meeting new friends. Groups are forming fast friendships where amity was once thought impossible. Communication among sister groups is at an all time high. While not yet meeting needs, the financial resources of our community are improving. Learned researchers are publishing ever more studies to elucidate the causes of crossgenderism, and to teach us how to cope with it. Knowledge is, therefore, proliferating. Spouses in record numbers are becoming involved in the community. Surely, we are living in an era of good feeling. Brothers and sisters in philosophically divergent groups are learning the joys of working together as allies. It is well that they are. For this discussion is not about sunshine and peace; rather it is a declaration of war.

Today, we, as allies, declare war on loneliness, with its axis of guilt, fear, and isolation. On thousands of individual battlefields, the struggle rages daily. How many crossgendered people are there? No one knows, and the question is almost impossible to research, because the vast majority are under siege in isolated bunkers. They have discovered within themselves a softer, more sensitive side to their personalities and long to express it. Yet, because of fear for their jobs or families, or guilt arising from moral or religious considerations, they cannot open and bloom. Several months ago, our chapter interviewed a sister who wanted desperately to emerge from her masculine cocoon. Trying to break free, she summoned all her courage to set up the meeting. And it did take <u>all</u> her courage. Throughout the interview, her voice quavered, her hands shook. She appeared on the verge of tears. Finally, she said, "I've been looking for a group like this for years. I can't tell my wife or kids. They'd never understand. What if my boss finds out? You don't know how lonely I've been." That, ladies and gentlemen, is what this war is all about - victory over loneliness and fear.

To overcome the enemy is not easy. For all its drawbacks, the cocoon is a nice safe place. In that tight little masculine world, one is accepted as a man. When one begins to explore crossgender expression, one comes face to face with the threat of rejection - by society, by one's peers, by one's family, even by oneself. Almost every crossdresser who attends her first meeting arrives in a state of high fragility. Many have one foot in the light and the other ready to dive back into the cocoon at the slightest provocation. It is right here that the newcomer needs our most sincere empathy. It is here that the individual battles are won or lost.

Consider the inside of a dark vault. One altar candle two feet high and four inches in diameter glows with a steady light. For all its size, it illuminates an area only about a foot around itself. Twenty such candles will only pick out the vault with points of light. But 300 individual candles, each tiny by comparison, will, together, obliterate the darkness.

The leadership of the crossgender community can do no more than those tall altar candles. Their main function is to light individual candles. The heart of our army is the individual crossgendered person - the infantry, if you will. Without one-on-one support at this level, we cannot hope to dispel the darkness of loneliness and fear.

For this reason, Tri-Ess has instituted its Big Sister Program, and made it absolutely its top priority. Volunteers are stepping forward to write our newest sisters, and to provide one-on-one support for their first year of membership. They will "be there" to help with personal and family problems, image development, and simply for girl talk. To make it easier for face-to-face meetings, new sisters are matched with Big Sisters from their own states, or, at least from their regions. Confidentiality will be preserved, since all initial correspondence goes through the Forwarding Service. Since no Big Sister will be asked to support more than three new members, serving will be a pleasure rather than a burden. After a year, new members will be asked to become Big Sisters themselves. A candle lit shines back on the giver - love is one commodity that works best when passed along. So far, 111 new Tri-Ess members have been offered this support.

At Tau Chi Chapter, Vicki Thomas has launched a local Big Sister Program. Before attending that first meeting, every new sister is assigned a Big Sister with whom she can talk, shop, or obtain support in adjusting to the group. Although the program is just now getting under way, the happiness of our new members is beautiful to behold. Of course, "first meeting jitters" still exist - probably they always will. But, victory is being accomplished: General Cold feet is on the run.

It is not my purpose, however, to talk about what Tri-Ess is doing, except as it relates to the entire community. At this time, I would like to enlist the aid of every group leader here in the individual battle against loneliness. If your group does not have a Big Sister Program, please consider adopting one. If you have any questions, or need any help in starting an individual support program, please communicate with me. If you have suggestions on how to further our community's war on loneliness, please let me hear from you. If we pool our knowledge and share our experiences, our allied forces will surely prevail.

No war can be successfully waged without the radar of communication to show us how to deploy our forces. Every member of every crossgender group should watch and listen for individual needs within her group. Not long ago, I communicated with a sister whose worst problem was geographic isolation. My heart went out to this sister, but what could I do to help? By consulting the directory of another organization, I located a sister who lives fairly near her, and have taken steps to bring the two of them together. Given eyes to see and hearts to feel these individual needs, any crossgendered person can serve as radar to win these individual battles. And by winning individual battles, we will win the wider war.

When crossgendered allies communicate, we need to speak the language of dignity and victory, and reject the cant of defeat. How many times have you heard guilt-ridden sisters refer to their "compulsion" to crossdress, to dressing episodes as "relapses," to being "transvestites," or "in drag?" Why this vocabulary of shame? Mainly because they've heard or read the language of defeat from "helping professionals," or even from crossgendered people who should know better. All too often we tolerate this derogatory language because "we know what they mean." Even the term "gender-conflicted" is a misnomer. Granted, some of us may be wreaked by internal confusion as we come to terms with our second self. But who is really more conflicted, us, or the "Bubbas" whose masculinity is so insecure they must bash us to bolster it. The real "gender conflict" is against <u>them</u>.

Therefore, each one of us should insist that crossgendered people be described in terms of dignity: "self-expression," "en femme," "en homme," or "crossdresser." Observe the fruits of efforts by Blacks, Gays, and other minorities in obtaining for themselves the right to be treated with basic human dignity. Should we be satisfied with less? Let's get crossgenderism out of the DSM and into the mainstream American society where it belongs! Write your elected representatives in support of comprehensive civil rights. Do we dare not to dare?

To complement our attack, we need to call in sea and air support. Every crossgendered person and organization should be part of the communications and outreach network of the IFGE. The IFGE is there for the benefit of us all. Let us learn how to use efficiently what it offers us. Crossgender organizations stage such events as the Weekend in the Poconos, Fantasy Adventure, Fantasia Fair, California Dreamin', Southern Comfort, and Holiday En Femme, to name only a few. And how about the Boulton and Park Society and the Texas 'T' Party? Peggy Rudd's Caribbean Cruise will provide an excellent opportunity for sisters to relax and informally share needs and ideas. Organizations from no fewer than four states cooperate to do the Be-All Weekend. Now, that's community in action! These events are like aircraft carriers sending out fighters against fear.

Television, radio, and print media provide vehicles to carry our case to the public. Mariette Pathy Allen's wonderful book, <u>Transformations</u>, portrays to the world the richly embroidered tapestries of our lives. A recent article featuring Tau Chi Chapter members by Bonnie Gangelhoff of the Houston <u>Post</u> brought 70 people into contact with others like themselves. The original Donahue Show appearance by members of Chi Chapter brought 1400 inquiries to Tri-Ess alone. Not many of us are as prepared as San Antonio's own Linda and Cynthia to make regular smash hits on television talk shows, but each of us can and should participate whenever possible in the investigative research projects of our helping professionals. Their efforts give us new insights into our crossgender expression and educate the professional community and public as well. To fail to support these institutions and people is to fight our war without air support. And we all know how well Saddam Hussein fared under those circumstances.

In our war we should seek out pockets of need and loneliness, and attack them vigorously on many fronts. Not too long ago, Tri-Ess told its wives, "You are not just along for the ride. Come and be an integral, active part of us." Everyone has benefitted. Wives are participating enthusiastically, both within their own support groups, and in the chapters. Not only are they helping one another toward understanding, but they are also helping us understand what femininity is. Not surprisingly, they have begun leading Tri-Ess toward an expanded ministry for couples. Linda and Cynthia are sponsoring one of Ariadne Kane's "Hopeful" seminars right here in San Antonio this summer. The momentum in the battle for family needs is shifting dramatically in our favor.

Yet another front is about to be opened. Donna Mobley of San Antonio and Jennifer Higgins of Ohio recently made me aware of the struggle single crossgendered people are fighting against loneliness. Their article in this edition of the <u>Femme Mirror</u> touched my heart's core. What can be done to help is not yet clear, but, together, we will find a way. Surely we can arrange convention programs geared to the needs of single crossgendered people, and find sympathetic helping professionals to coordinate them. We can educate our couples to the needs of single members, and see that they are included in group activities. All members of

our community should read Donna's article and give her suggestions for helping. Single friends, our community will raise an army to help you in your lonely struggle. And together we will have victory.

It is time for the whole community to join together to defeat public discrimination. In the forefront of this battle are our transsexual brothers and sisters who must live every day of their lives with discrimination that limits their right to work and to enjoy the basic American right to the pursuit of happiness. It is the solemn duty of every crossgendered person and organization to help educate away discrimination, and to support, if necessary, legal efforts to obtain for all our community members what is rightfully theirs.

We can talk of air power, radar, naval support, etc., but this war will be won or lost in the trenches - at the individual level. We should all take a look inside ourselves to see whether we are really doing all we can to win our common war. There are those who say, "I have received all the support I need. I have outgrown my need for a support organization." Those people are letting down sisters and brothers for whom they could have been teachers. There are some who, at conventions, use unauthorized rest rooms out of a spirit of confrontation. When facilities bar all crossgendered people because of this inconsiderate behavior, we all lose ground. Some believe that until they perfect their crossgendered image, they are unworthy to fight. Friends, you have yourselves to sell. You are daughters and sons of God. By your crossgender expression you show a desire to transcend shallow social stereotypes. In giving, you will receive. Wake to Reveille. Shoulder your talents, and take a step forward.

Some of you may have noticed that Frances and I are wearing yellow ribbons that read, "We support our troops." We do this because theirs is a cause in which we strongly believe. These words, however, bear a message on another, very relevant level: "Support our troops. Support one another!"

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Introducing the Tri-Ess Board of Directors for 1991

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A TWELVE STEP GROUP FOR GENDER IDENTITY CONFLICT: SURVIVORS OF TRANSSEXUALITY ANONYMOUS

By: Riki Ann W.
Survivors of Transsexuality Anonymous
New York City Chapter

In the summer of 1989, a self-help group was founded in New York City based upon the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. It was called "Survivors of Transsexuality Anonymous", 'STA' for short. The preamble for the meeting, adapted from A.A., went as follows:

- Survivors of Transexuality Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other, that they may solve their common problems and help others heal from the effects of transsexuality.

- The only requirement for membership is a desire to recover from the effects of gender identity conflict. There are no dues or fees for S.T.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

- S.T.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

- Our primary purpose is to heal from the effects of our own transsexuality and help others to do the same.

- Members are encouraged to define abstinence or sobriety in a way that is meaningful to them, and to develop their own Recovery Plan. Members are also encouraged to share their Recovery Plan and their progress with the group on a weekly basis. Newcomers are encouraged to seek sponsorship with members who have 90 days or more of continuous recovery.

In A.A. the 12 Steps help members recover by giving up alcohol and achieving sobriety. STA made no judgement about what was recovery: it was up to each individual member to decide for his or her self. A number of members have joined in order to suppress their gender conflict. However, the majority have come to make a positive adjustment to their transsexuality.

What does this "positive adjustment" entail? It's different for each member. The "effects of our gender identity conflict" referred to in the preamble (our "addiction" or "disease" in A.A. terms), has not been the way transsexuality has manifested itself in our bodies, but in our hearts and minds. Our problems have not been physical so much as spiritual.

Many of us became addicted to control; rather than accept our God-given feelings of gender identity, we strove to deny and suppress them, usually with disastrous results. Others developed an insane codependence upon and worship of non-transsexual women. We lived or died by what others thought and said about our appearance. "Passing", hiding our transsexuality, fooling others into believing we were non-transsexuals, became the center of our lives. This made real pride and self-acceptance impossible; in fact it mired us in a descending spiral of deception, concealment and self-hate. Rather than face this daily reality, many of us acted out with alcohol, drugs, sex, food, debt, codependency, or romantic obsession. Our lives became filled with drama, tragedy, shame, and resentment, over which we felt powerless. The Twelve Steps of A.A. offered us a way back to sanity.

Our first meeting drew only a dozen people, and during the first winter we often had only three or four members in attendance. But gradually we began to grow.

Last summer a number of our members decided to do something without precedent: March as an openly transsexual contingent in the annual New York City Gay Pride Parade, an event which usually draws a quarter of a million people. Because of the A.A. tradition of anonymity, we could not march as STA members, so our banner read, "Transsexuals for a Change", and we wore t-shirts which said, "A Change Will Do You Good." It is impossible to describe what it felt like to march down Fifth Avenue. Stranger still was watching the reaction of people crowding the parade route, and the astonishing amount of support and applause we received.

In the meetings that followed the parade, group attendance roughly doubled. At present there are 60 or 70 members, of whom 30-35 are present at any given meeting. The amount of recovery and support generated in the group is amazing. Talk of "passing" and "not being read" has all but evaporated. Many of us have learned that first, it's not about looks, and second, it's not about looks. We have found a substitute for our addictions to control, self-hate, shame, and false pride that works and never fails, and we have begun to, "Let Go and Let God".

Since we are not responsible for our transsexuality, we are not responsible for other people's reactions to it. Instead of obsessing over what non-transsexuals think, or say, or do to us, we have begun to learn to "Live and Let Live". We know now that we are only responsible for keeping our own side of the street swept clean; what others think about us is really none of our business. We have started to take personal inventories and release some of the character defects that have kept us miserable. For some of us this has meant making amends to those we have harmed or resented along the way. "One Day at a Time" we are learning to relax, release and open: to, "Live, and Let Live."

· Although they once seemed extravagant, the A.A. Twelve Promises are beginning to come true in our group:

· We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.

· We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.

· We will comprehend the word serenity.

· We will know peace.

· No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others.

· That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear.

· We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows.

· Self-seeking will slip away.

· Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.

· Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us.

· We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us.

· We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Much of this will be very familiar to the reader already involved in Twelve Step programs. Let us assure you that it works with gender identity conflict as well. In fact, it has worked for us far beyond anything we could have imagined when we started.

For the reader who has not been exposed to Twelve Step programs, you may by thinking, "This is really too much. These people sound like a cross between evangelicals and holy-rollers. My problems aren't spiritual: I don't know if I even believe in a Power greater than myself, and besides what does all this God-stuff have to do with my dressing up or getting surgery? I want to pass and be a real woman, not sit around contemplating my navel."

Perhaps you have a point, and Twelve Step programs are certainly not for everyone. But if you are on a first-name basis with shame, self-hate, and resentment as we were, if you pine over not being a "real woman" or a "genetic female", if you worry relentlessly about what non-transsexuals think about you and if you " pass" for a non-transsexual woman, if you feel defensive, frightened, needy, abandoned, deprived, and often chronically depressed, if any of these things are as familiar to you as they were to us, then, as A.A. says:

> "You are ready to take certain steps. At some of these we balked. We thought we could find an easier, softer way. But we could not. With all the earnestness at our command, we beg of you to be fearless and thorough from the very start. Some of us tried to hold on to our old ideas, and the result was nil until we let go absolutely."

To you, especially, we would like to say that there is a solution. There are over 90 Twelve Step programs for millions of members in every country of the world. It has worked for them. It has worked for us. If you give it a chance, it will work for you. You've already started, just by reading this article.

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Readers in the New York City area or travelling through are welcome to attend any STA meeting.

We meet 6:00-8 pm on Tuesdays, and 8:30-10 pm on Sundays at the Gay Community Center, 208 W. 13th St. in Manhattan.

By the time this article appears, there will be an STA group meeting in San Francisco, and we hope to have one starting in Boston very soon. Readers who are interested in starting an STA group in their own cities can contact us by writing: **STA, c/o Barbara Warren, Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 W. 13th St. NY, NY 10014, or by calling the answering service of one of our members: (212-969-0888) and leaving a message.**

STA follows the A.A. tradition of anonymity, so all names and contacts are kept strictly confidential. We will be happy to arrange room and board for any out-of-towners who would like to attend STA meetings but do not have a place to stay.

Although not STA-related, there is also a Gender Identity Program using a unique peer-to-peer counseling model and a facilitated Open Discussion Group for transsexuals, both operating under the auspices of the Gay Community Center. They are located at the same address as STA. Both welcome visitors and inquires. Inquiries should be directed to Barbara Warren at the above address.

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** Although we use the editorial device of speaking in terms of male-to-female transsexuality for simplicity's sake, STA is for all gender-conflicted individuals, and we are equally devoted to our female-to-male members. We ask the pardon of any readers who may be offended or feel omitted by this.

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GOD LOVES ME JUST THE WAY I AM

By Shirley K. Knight

Religion has always been very important to me. I grew up in the Lutheran Church. My father was quite active in the church and made sure that my sister, my brother, and I attended Sunday school and church every Sunday. There I learned to love and respect God.

When I was in college, I started to question religion. One concern of mine was that if all Christians believe in the Bible, and there is only one Bible, why isn't there just one church? As a result of my questioning, as well as an unfortunate incident with my pastor, I dropped away from the church.

Ten years later, my wife and I started attending the Nazarine Church. There I learned that God was a personal God who was concerned about me, individually, and who was approachable.

I was a respected member of the church, but I remember envying the women in the congregation. Why could they wear their lovely dresses to church each Sunday, while I was locked into a suit and tie? It wasn't fair!

Nazarines are quite strict and don't believe in drinking or dancing. Having been raised a Lutheran, I enjoy dancing and having a few drinks. When I found out indirectly that I was being criticized for dancing, I again dropped away form the church. I was concerned about what they might think if they ever found out about "Shirley." Leading a double life was getting to me.

About the same time, I started coming out of the closet. My wife was the first person I ever told about my crossdressing, and all the inner emotional turmoil. She could not handle my crossdressing and we ended up divorcing. My self-esteem hit an all-time low. I seriously considered suicide, and the only thing that saved me was the thought, "Why should I do her any favors? If she doesn't like it, that's her problem!"

It took me a long time to accept myself. It wasn't easy to admit that I was a transvestite and probably would always be one.

Once I accepted myself it was easy for others to accept me. I found a bunch of accepting friends, and I was fortunate, Thank God, to have very accepting relatives.

At this time I was plagued with another thought. It was great that I had finally accepted myself, and the others had accepted me, but what about God? Am I doomed to Hell because I am a crossdresser? I desperately tried to give it up, but was such an integral part of me that I couldn't.

My younger brother is a religious extremist. His view is that God is just waiting for people to step out of line, so that He can step on them. My brother went out of his way to lay a "guilt trip" on me for being a transvestite, and to assure me that I was going to Hell for it.

The following things have come together to help me personally resolve this issue:

1. Instead of depending on my brother and others to tell me what is in the Bible, I read it myself. I have read it several times from cover to cover looking for passages that refer to crossdressing. There are almost none. The frequently-quoted Deuteronomy 22: 5, stating that women should not wear men's clothing, and that men should not wear women's clothing, as it is an abomination to God, is a part of ancient Jewish Jevitican, or priesthood, law. As we are not ancient Jewish priests, I question whether this verse even pertains to us.

2. I have a personal belief that in life God deals all of us different hands of cards. In each person's hand there are

Shirley Knight & friend

some 'good' cards such as being good-looking, intelligent, having a nice personality, or being good in sports. Each person also gets some "not-so-good" cards to play, such as being gay, or in poor health, or being a crossdresser. I don't believe that God condemns us for the cards He has dealt us, but rather judges us on how we play those cards.

3. I had what I consider a miracle happen to me. I was at the low emotional point of my life, attending a coronation in the ballroom of the Holiday Inn in Colorado Springs. The coronation was to crown a new "Emperor" and "Empress" for the gay community.

There I was, a lone straight person wearing a long peach-colored formal. I didn't know anyone there. A young, very attractive girl who didn't fit in with the rest of the crowd approached me. She started talking to me as if she knew me. Her message was that God loves me just the way I am, and I should quit emotionally beating up on myself for being a crossdresser. It was not the generic "God loves you" that many Christians casually throw out. Eventually a handsome young man joined her as we talked. Then they both mysteriously left.

I believe that these two were angels, disguised as people, and that they had a personal message directly from God for me and other troubled transvestites. Sharing this incident carries the risk of others thinking I am "touched," but for me it was quite real. I consider it a miracle and the knowledge that God does not condemn us for being crossdressers has helped me immensely.

4. Four years ago, I started attending the Metropolitan Community Church in Pueblo, Colorado. The M.C.C. is an international denomination with over 200 churches. Their primary ministry is to the gay and lesbian community and they are open to TV's and TS's. When I started, I made the conscious decision to attend church only as Shirley. At last I could openly wear dresses to church and worship as the "real me."

I waited an entire year before I officially joined the church. My major concern was being sure that God was present and blessing their services, as I wanted to do more than just "play church." He definitely was. I also wanted to be sure that I was truly accepted by the church members. They have been very friendly and I have been elected to the church board three times. I have also served as the church clerk, treasurer, and vice-moderator.

Having a church home and a loving, accepting God has been a real blessing to me. I am no longer guilt-ridden about being a TV and I am free to pursue life as my true self. I only hope that other TV's and TS's will reach the same goal.

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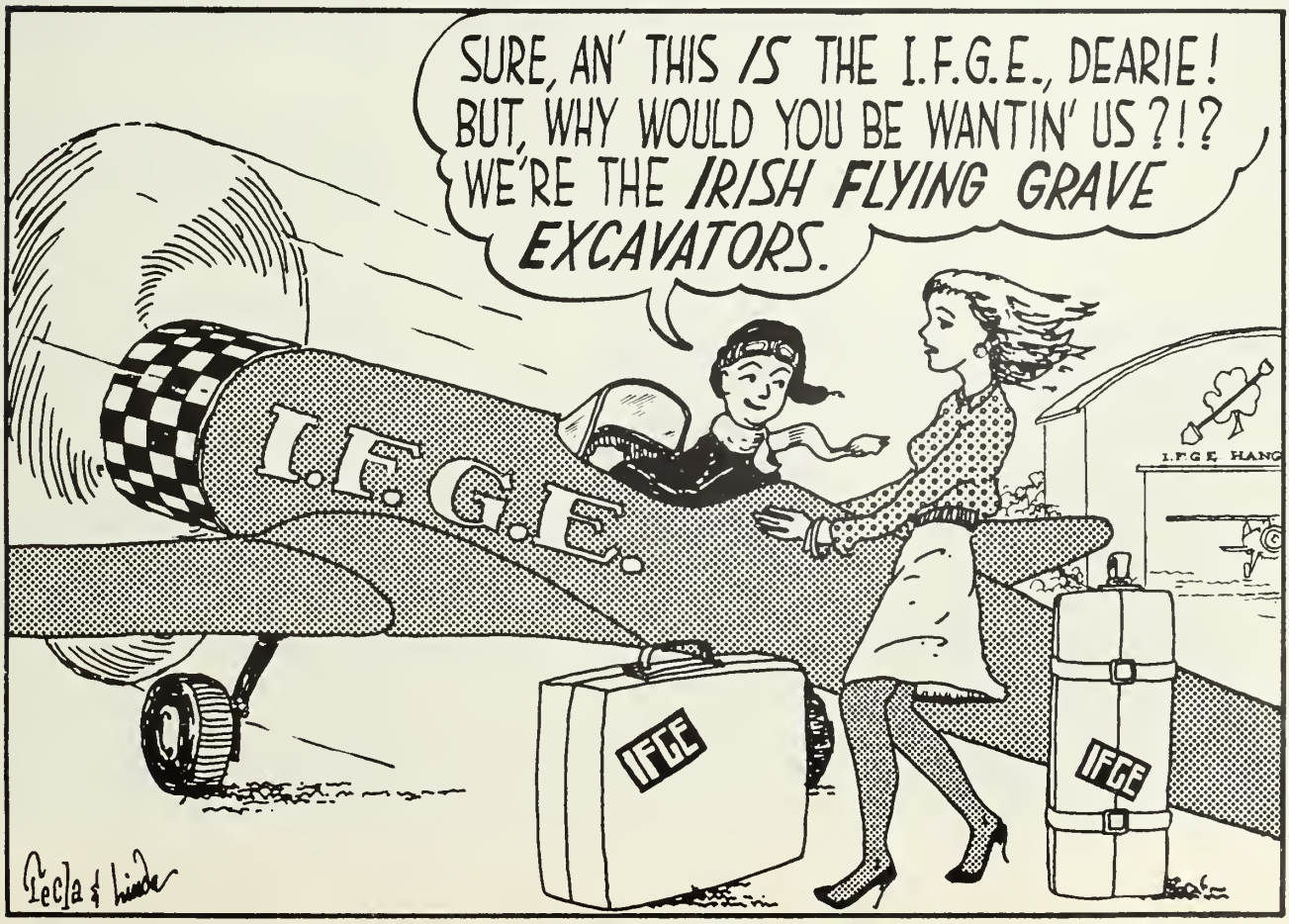

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ROGER'S NOTEBOOK (#51) Standards Of Care

One topic which is often questioned by transgendered people are the "Harry Benjamin Standards". While transsexuals are often more familiar with them than are cross-dressers, these standards apply to all persons with gender discomfort. Just what are these standards and how are they generally used?

First, some history. More than a decade ago, clinicians who worked with transgendered persons formed the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association (HBIGDA). In the late 1970's members of this professional organization decided that, due to the invasive nature of the treatment of transsexualism, a formalized set of minimal guidelines were necessary. Such guidelines would provide uniform criteria to guide clinicians working with transgendered persons. The initial Standards of Care were published in 1980. They are concerned with persons who are diagnosed as gender dysphoric. The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association (DSM-III-R) has several categories of gender dysphoria but the ones most closely connected with these standards are those describing transsexualism.

The Standards of Care are based upon significant clinical experience with transsexual clients. They are guidelines describing who should recommend hormone treatment and genital reassignment surgery. In addition they describe under what conditions such recommendations should be made. It is here that many people object to the time limits. They feel that "my situation is different" from all the other persons who identify as transsexual, so exceptions should be made. Usually this means shortening the time for "the real life test" and/or the recommendation for hormone therapy.

I have told countless clients, "It is not possible to be objective about your own situation." The purposes of the Standards of Care and the services of a clinician are to prevent a person from taking irrevocable steps which they can regret later. The most difficult part of the whole process is making the diagnosis of transsexual. It can not be made quickly even though the person emphatically states that they are transsexual. I am sure many of you have heard the "horror stories" of persons who have obtained genital reassignment surgery and then discovered to their dismay that it was not right for them. A careful investigation into such cases will usually show that the person and/or the clinician did not follow the Standards of Care.

Genital reassignment surgery and even hormone therapy are serious procedures which must be used cautiously. Side effects are many and some are irreversible. While there are always ways to circumvent the Standards of Care, to do so exposes the person to unnecessary risks. Experience of many transsexuals has validated this conservative approach to be the safest.

ROGER'S NOTEBOOK (#52) The Role of the Gatekeeper

In the "lingo" of the transgender community, I am a "gatekeeper". This translates into having the power to withhold or grant approval for hormone therapy and genital reassignment surgery. On a broader scale, some of my clients think I have a some special power to divine people's innermost thoughts. I also am supposed to have a crystal ball that shows the best course of action an individual should take in the struggle with gender concerns which they bring into my office. All of this is a heavy burden for one person to carry. Further, it places expectations on me that are both unfair and impossible to fulfill.

I am a human being, the same as all the people who come to see me. As I sometimes joke, I failed basic mind reading and never had a course in foretelling the future. If there is anything that sets me apart from my clients it is the special training and experience I have had in dealing with gender issues. This, coupled with some degree of objectivity, gives me the ability to help my clients. In the end however, it is they who must make the decisions that shape their future. My task is to help them safely explore all the alternatives and consequences of one path over another. In doing this, my job is to take a conservative approach and ask the tough questions.

In the various publications put out by organizations in the gender community I have recently read several articles that I would classify as "therapist-bashing". The authors'

complaints are along the lines of "Why don't they just give me what I want without all this evaluation and counseling?" The thing that distresses me about these tirades is the fact that the authors appear to lack an understanding of the purpose for working with a therapist. It seems to me the main reason someone should go to a therapist is to get objective guidance on some problem with which they are struggling. On the other side of the coin, no reputable clinician would authorize radical procedures without appropriate evaluation. If they did and it turned out to be wrong for that person, the consequences for both are disastrous.

While I know there are therapists who are unfamiliar with gender issues and thus may not be able to adequately guide their clients, the attacks I have read are not directed at such professionals. Rather, they are aimed toward those who do know how to work with gender-conflicted persons. These specialists are trying to help their clients make the best choice. This is apparently seen as "getting in the way" of the client's self-diagnosis.

There are many illegal or at least unethical ways to obtain both hormones and genital surgery. There are higher risks with such pathways but if someone wants to have their own way these means exist. If someone pays a professional for consultation, it seems irrational to blame them for proceeding in a safe and conservative manner.

ROGER'S NOTEBOOK (#53)
A Lighter Side To Crossdressing

Are cross-dressing situations such as you experience funny or humorous? These are not words I often hear or read when such subjects are discussed. The tone of most articles are either deadly serious or a description of a pleasant cross-dressing experience. Recently I have read some pieces which suggest that persons in the sub-culture are taking themselves too seriously much of the time.

First, a disclaimer. I realize that cross-dressing has perhaps more than its share of painful situations. This distress is certainly real but it is not the only aspect of cross-dressing. If it were then I suspect there would be far fewer cross-dressers.

As many others have written, cross-dressing is FUN as well as sensual and erotic. Many writers describe the fun that cross-dressers have by participating in different activities. I suspect these enjoyable aspects provide much of the reinforcement for continued cross-dressing.

But is cross-dressing funny? Certainly it is played for laughs in the media -- all of us remember movies where some man cross-dresses for some trumped up reason. Usually the results are comical although some have more serious moments such as in the movie Tootsie. Various television shows (I really resisted the temptation to say TV shows), sitcoms and comedy have used cross-dressing as a comic vehicle. What goes through your mind as you see one of these shows? Do you identify with the character? Do you get angry about the misrepresentation of "legitimate" cross-dressing? Do you laugh along with the plot? Are you envious of the actor/comedian who can publicly cross-dress and get away with it? Regardless of your reaction, cross-dressing is played for laughs in most social situations.

Some of the skits use the supposed difficulty that men have in getting into women's clothing -- girdles, corsets and bras have all been used as the focus for humor. Often there is a ludicrous appearance the man presents when dressed in women's clothing, especially when he is quite large.

Many sexual and racial minorities have a rich tradition of humor. They poke fun at themselves and their situations. Sometimes laughing at otherwise seemingly intolerable situations makes them more bearable. Are you guilty of taking yourselves too seriously? If you can not laugh at yourselves perhaps you need to re-examine your attitudes and approaches to the unique situation you experience.

Aren't there funny situations that occur at meetings of your group? Or are you too serious about cross-dressing to see the lighter side? Are you afraid that if you laugh at some cross-dressing difficulty it will cause emotional destruction? While I am certainly not suggesting insensitivity to real problems, I see many that could be eased by a small dose of humor.

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ORGANIZING A SUCCESSFUL GROUP: THE CORNBURY SOCIETY'S FIRST TWO YEARS

by Julia Matheson

In Vancouver, Canada, the Cornbury Society has grown from six members to over thirty members in two years. It has well-attended meetings, a healthy financial position, and a firm organizational structure.

With a record like this, it seems reasonable to assume that we're doing something right more often than not. The following account of how we achieved this happy state of affairs might be of value to people organizing other groups.

First, a short history: Four people met in the summer of 1988 to consider starting a group in Vancouver, which seemed to be long overdue. Two of us were members of Emerald City in Seattle. We invited two other experienced local TV's to join us, and the first meeting was held in a hotel room in mid-September.

We agreed on two officer positions, Secretary-Treasurer and Social Director. We also agreed that the cost of meetings would be met by those members who came to them, that meetings would be private, and that applicants for membership would be interviewed before being accepted. We put a listing in Tapestry.

Our next meeting, a month later, included three new members and two women guests, one of whom managed a resale clothing store. We decided to have a third officer, a President, giving us a three-person executive to avoid split decisions.

We advertised in a neighborhood newspaper and had eighteen responses. Two inquiries came through Emerald City, and four other inquiries came through our own membership.

By January, 1989, we had ten approved and paid-up members, with another six waiting to be screened. At that time we decided to hold a meeting every month.

February brought two new members, another visiting spouse, and a make-up demonstration by an expert who advises most of the professional models in Vancouver.

We held monthly meetings until June. At that time the warm weather made wigs and long sleeves inconvenient. We considered good attendance to be unlikely during the summer, so we suspended official meetings until the fall. However, individual friendships were starting to be formed, and the more confident among us continued to meet and dress during the summer.

We did respond to a call from the Vancouver Gay & Lesbian Centre, who had seen our advertisement in the local press. Apparently their "help line" gets many calls from hetero TV's, whom they could not usefully advise.

The Social Director and the Secretary-Treasurer braved the summer heat, and were the star attraction at a discussion on cross-dressing with the Centre's volunteer staff. We gave then a hand-out on TVism, then took turns in addressing the group and answering questions for two and a half hours! We have since had several referrals from these very agreeable people.

Earlier in the year, the President had asked the Secretary-Treasurer to put together a draft body of rules for our Society. The Secretary-Treasurer examined the Constitution of the Beaumont Society in Britain, and cut it down to fit our much smaller group.

Our November meeting was at the resale clothing store. We had a near 100% membership turnout, with wine, food, and four wives present.

Our Christmas dinner was held in a private room in a downtown hotel. It was also a great success, with sixteen apple attending, including four other wives.

We continued to grow, and several of us attended Emerald City's "90 in 90" function in the spring of 1990, before again closing down official meetings for the summer.

Cornbury Society

Currently, we have just held our second Annual General Meeting, when we made minor revisions to our constitution and elected a new executive by acclamation. I had long ago decided to step down from the executive after a two-year stint. Now our former Social Director is taking over from me as Secretary-Treasurer. The Social Director and President are new.

Why have we been so successful? It's hard for me to answer that question with objectivly; I'm too close to the workings of the group. However, the following is my assessment of the factors which contributed to our success, in a loose order of importance:

1. The organizational skills of the Executive. The President, Social Director, and Secretary-Treasurer all made use of their considerable experience in the management of business organizations.

2. The dedication of the Executive. Our Social Director, for example, lives some fifty miles outside Vancouver, yet managed to do by far the bulk of the interviewing of prospective members.

3. The availability of a word processor. Without this tool, it would have been impossible to reply to inquires promptly, while retaining something of a personal touch, and to prepare and mail notices of meetings. A copy of the form letter that we send to applicants appears at the end of this article.

4. Advance planning. Meetings are planned, and notices go out well in advance, with complete addresses, dates, and times, often including a map of how to get there. Even for those with an understanding spouse, getting away from a family for an evening can seldom be achieved at short notice.

5. The assistance from the resale clothing store manager. For a time, Judith was our unofficial "Den Mother."

6. A non-threatening environment. Because Cornbury has yet to hold a meeting in a public place, nobody need feel fear or discomfort once they are in our meetings. Changing facilities are always provided. Many of our more accomplished members do appear in public. Our elegant President-elect tries on dresses in high-class stores. However, this is a matter of her personal passability and choice.

7. Wives and girlfriends are encouraged to attend at all times. This helps to allay the fear that their partners are secretly gay.

8. Meetings are paid for by those attending and not from regular subscriptions. Accordingly, our financial position is strong.

9. Our constitution has prevented major internal disputes. We do not always hold to its provisions rigidly, but at least we all know what the rules are, before we consider making exceptions.

So now we start on our third year of operation, with over thirty members. We can direct them to suppliers who know us well, including a wig expert, a cosmetician, a dressmaker, a fashion and deportment consultant, and a shoe store. We look forward to continued growth and success in the future.

RESPONSE TO INQUIRES

Dear Inquirer:

Thanks for youir letter. The following is a short description of our group, which now has thirty-one membvers.

We have private social meetrings in the lower mainland every month during the winter, with changing facilitees. Our members are of all ages and walks of life. They are expected to wear complete and conventional feminine dress at meetings whenever possible, and to work towrds improving their feminine apperrance and deprtment. We charge $10 for the room and coffee in the motel. Members' wives often come to meetings, and are always welcome.

We can direct memvers to a wig expert, a cosmetician, and a deportment expert. The wife of one of our members sells foundations and clothes of the size that we need.

For everyone's protection, anyone wishing to join is interviewed by a screening committee, to assure us of their discretion and wish to improve their feminine image as much as possible.

We have nothing against gays, but they have their own community and our Society is for heterosexual transvestites.

The needs of transsexuals are not our main concern. However, because of the help that other TV groups have shown to and received from them, we do admit them as members.

A membership application form is enclosed. Any information you give us will be held in strictest confidence. If you should not be accepted, or decide not to join us, your subscription will of course be refunded.

More information about the cross-dressing world is to be found in the magazine Tapestry, available at $12 per copy from Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778, U.S.A.

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Spirituality, Sexuality, and Crossdressing: A Moral/Ethical Dilemma? Not Really.

by
Vanessa Sims

I'd like to discuss some issues that pertain to many of us, if not all. I'd also like to state that the views expressed herein are strictly my views. They're not necessarily the views of this publication or anyone else. You may agree or disagree with the things that I have to say, and that's certainly your privilege. It's not now, nor has it ever been my intention to force my beliefs on anyone. Nevertheless, I do believe in speaking the truth as I understand it. I hope you can accept my comments in that spirit.

I'd like to discuss the relationships between spirituality, sexuality, and crossgender inclinations and behavior. This, as you can undoubtedly surmise, is a relatively weighty subject and not one to be taken lightly.

I've recently read a book by Dr. James B. Nelson, entitled Embodiment: An Approach to Sexuality and Christian Theology. In this book, Dr. Nelson (quoting Andre Maurois), reminds us that "the need to express oneself in writing springs from an unresolved inner conflict. And the solution is not a resolution of the problem so much as a deeper and wider consciousness of the issue to which we are carried by virtue of having wrestled with that problem.". I believe those words, and I write now because I want to expand my own awareness of the issue at hand - and also to give you cause for reflection and assessment. So, with those goals in mind, let's begin.

I think it's important, first of all, that you know I'm a Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a believer in his humanity as well as His deity. Again, I'm not pushing my beliefs on you. I'm merely stating facts about myself. I also happen to be heterosexual, happily married to a lovely and supportive wife, and I'm a confirmed crossdresser. I'm certainly aware that not all of you are Christians, and that's between you and God. However, I hope we can agree that all of us have some spiritual component in ourselves. It is this spiritual aspect of us as human beings that I want to address.

How does all this relate to sexuality and crossdressing issues? Well, believe it or not, pretty well. I mentioned Dr. James B. Nelson earlier, and I'd highly recommend his books to anyone. Dr. Nelson is a nationally known author, theologian, counselor, and teacher. He is articulate, learned, caring and compassionate, and writes extensively on sexuality and theology. I have had the privilege of speaking personally with Dr. Nelson recently, and I told him I was a crossdresser. I asked for his theological and personal opinion concerning crossdressing, and he said, "Transvestism is a behavioral and statistical variation, (in that most men in our society don't crossdress), but not a deviation in a moral sense.". I agree with his statement completely. Crossdressing is a variation, certainly, but there is nothing inherently evil or perverse about the psycho-sexual need to crossdress. Crossdressing is, in and of itself, a completely benign behavior and/or activity. It is, rather, the reaction of a misinformed society to the crossdressing behavior that causes difficulties.

Dr. Nelson, in his writings, gives great credence to the argument that nowhere in the Scriptures does God condemn a person's psycho-sexual orientation. Specific sexual activities are condemned in various references, but if these are examined in their true overall context (geographical, chronological, societal, historical, etc.), it soon becomes evident that God is primarily concerned that people show love and respect for the Lord, themselves, and other individuals. God is desirous that we demonstrate true acceptance, compassion,

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fidelity, intelligence, and a specific commitment to our sexual partner's ongoing best interests. I believe this attitude is extended also to crossdressing. God, quite frankly, has more important matters with which to be concerned than what we put outside of our bodies. God cares about what's in our hearts, our minds, and our spirits.

I don't believe that any of us specifically asked to be a gender person - we simply have that particular orientation. How could a reasonable, loving God (who loved us enough to die an undeserved death for us condemn us for something we never consciously chose in the first place? No, I am committed to the concept that God accepts us as we are, and says, "I love you, I care for you, and I want you to love others in a similar way". If wearing a dress makes me more in tune with that philosophy, and helps bring me closer to that loving persona, then how in the world could a just God condemn me for that? By allowing my femininity to surface and express itself through crossdressing, I am becoming a more complete individual and am better able to manifest the love of God that exists within me.

Our sexuality, as demonstrated in a caring and committed personal relationship, is a physical reminder of the communion that God wants to have with us. If we express our sexuality with a partner we love, we are communing, or at least communicating, with that person. Is it not conceivable that our sexual expression in this sense, is a representation of God's love for each of us? If we communicate in love with each other, are we not more open to communication with God as well? Think about it - we are sexual creatures, sex is for communion, and communion with us is God's purpose for us. It sounds so simple, and yet, we allow our selfishness and ignorance to get in the way of God's pure intent for our lives. The way to get around that selfishness and ignorance is to learn to express true love, compassion, and concern for each other, just as God has demonstrated toward us.

Being a crossdresser is not the easiest thing in the world with which to contend, as many of us have discovered. However, it can be a very healthy condition if we are willing to learn, to accept, and to open ourselves to the potential for awareness that exists when we consciously choose to adopt a gender role. I have been blessed with many unique experiences and emotions that would never have been realized through any mechanism other than crossdressing. When I choose to enter the feminine gender, I make a conscious decision to express my inner feelings that I believe to be God-given. I rejoice in that opportunity. While I understand that most people in our society have no desire to "test the waters" of the opposite gender to this extent, I am also aware that they unknowingly rob themselves of a chance for some delightful, innovative and insightful human experiences. If they only knew what they were missing!

As members of the gender community , we have a unique opportunity to examine more of ourselves than most people. Consequently, the opportunity also exists to learn more about our humanity and our relationship with God. That, to me, is a goal worth striving toward.

Our sexuality, our psycho-sexual orientation, our very lives - all these are gifts to us from a God who loved us enough to become a human and die for us. It behooves us, then, to utilize those gifts in a manner that will glorify and give honor to the Giver. The miracle of all this is that, as we do so, we are edified and made better people through this process.

May god richly bless each of us as we live our lives in search of sexual, spiritual, physical, emotional, and psychological fulfillment. May that search never end until we are finally Home and held forever in the bosom of the God who loves us so dearly.

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ONE MAN'S STORY
by
KYELLE BLAKE

I hesitate to put my story on paper. But each of us has a story. Only in telling and retelling our stories will we come to understand ourselves and each other, and offer others insight into who we are . If I hadn't started to tell my story some years ago, by now, my suicide might have been registered and no one on earth would have a clue as to why.

Since my earliest days, the fantasy of being a girl or a woman has entertained me. There was a theater near my boyhood home. I attended its shows and as a pre-schooler hummed the catchy tunes of Gilbert and Sullivan. Every time I went to watch the shows, I identified with the feminine leads. When I read stories, watched TV, or went to the movies, I saw myself in the feminine roles.

Before I went to sleep, I fantasized about being a girl. After I went to sleep, in some of my dreams I experienced my dream ego as a girl. I crossdressed some as a child. I was also a workaholic at the ripe old age of six or seven. I gave so much energy to school, work and other activities, little energy was left over to give into physically entertaining my fantasy. Also, the guilt and just plain terror of what was in me helped to keep things pretty thoroughly repressed.

I spent hours in college and grad school in some of the world's best academic libraries, poring over books, trying to get a handle on myself. The books were of little help. The ignorance on gender issues in the professional community then, and even now, was a shame and a sin. The only pages that I could find touching on the subjects close to me were located in the chapters entitled "abnormal behavior", "deviances and deviants", and "perversions and perverts". I finished graduate school after seven years of learning what a perverted, abnormal deviant I am. I graduated with a deep self-loathing and sense of condemnation.

I falsely hoped that marriage would release me from my nightmare. My wife and I were married my senior year of grad school. For a while, the combination of energy given to being newly married and starting a career did manage to distract me from my fantasy. But the fantasy got even for my lack of attention. The fantasy became a compulsion and an obsession. My life went out of control and I was in agony, a prisoner to myself - and to silence. Still, I hadn't yet breathed a word about any of this to another soul on earth.

The inner tension began to tear apart my body. I ended up in the hospital with heart, blood, spleen and glandular system disorders. One friend visited me while I was there. I wasn't even aware of her presence. In a recent conversation, she recalled her visit. She stood at my bedside and offered a silent prayer for me knowing only one thing about me - that I was a man in deep pain. Today, I believe that her prayer joined with those of others, and became the wings of freedom that bore me out of my hellish place. The doctors feared some mortal disease, and administered every conceivable test. Nothing turned up. I was just dying. The strength of my persona's facade, however, managed to fool them. They scratched their heads and sent me home to rest.

My employer gave me a three-month medical leave. For three months, I stayed home, as ordered, to be daily haunted by the Biblical verse, "Physician, heal thyself". I knew that I had to do something. I started by telling my wife. It was the most excruciating thing I'd ever done. I couldn't find the words to tell her. She knew that I had something to say, and waited. I wanted to run, but knew there was no place to go. All I could tell her was that I had an awful problem. From that low moment, it has been a long, uphill climb for the past 9 or 10 years. Notes on my spiritual journey are found in other places. Increasingly, my outer femme and enemy has become my inner woman and friend.

"Physician, heal thyself". The ancient Greek word "therapeuein", from whence comes our word "therapy", has three translations: 1. to heal; 2. to serve God; 3. to tend a garden. Healing comes by tending the inner garden. Taking care of one's inner garden is taking care of one's soul. Taking care of one's soul is giving service to God.

Taking care of the inner garden for me meant working on the integration of the many fragmented areas of my life. The work goes far beyond integrating the masculine and the feminine. There are many other polarities to take care of for integration to happen. Some major polarities for me are: desire/duty. play/work, the physical/the mental, self/others, anger/guilt, elation/depression, feminine/masculine, inner world/outer world, fantasy/reality, decisiveness/compulsion, and connectedness/isolation.

Most of my life's energy has been expended in the right hand side of the above polarities. For example, I am a workaholic who easily becomes guilt-ridden if I am not spending my days in the service of others (duty), and who has great difficulty taking time for myself (desire). My wife and I like to travel. The best vacation (play) that I allowed us to ever take was a one-month study leave at Oxford University (work). I joined the Tiffany Club for help (desire, self), but couldn't sit still without soon becoming some kind of volunteer worker (duty, others).

So much energy was given to the right hand side of the polarities, that the left-hand side was quite thoroughly repressed. The important parts of our lives that we repress don't just go away. They become inner ghosts who find all sorts of nasty and scary ways to haunt us. My repressed side haunted me through the compulsion to crossdress. As many of my counselor friends have pointed out to me, the only time I acknowledged the left hand side of the above polari-

ties (desire, play, the physical, self, feminine, fantasy, elation, anger, connectedness, innerworld, decisiveness) was when I became Kyelle.

Integration has meant getting in touch with the polarities of the left side and allowing them room and expression in my day-to-day life. Indeed, the more that is done, the less power my compulsion to crossdress has had over me. I have had to recognize that crossdressing is not as much a gender issue for me as it is an issue of compulsiveness. I occasionally find myself fantasizing about crossdressing, but on closer examination, those moments occur when I am not taking care of my life's task to stay in touch with the left side. Integration is life-long, unending, day-by-day work. I live one day at a time. Sometimes, I am at a point where I am asking myself. "Do I need my outer femme today?" Increasingly the answer is, "No, I can live for today with my femme on the inside".

Footnote

My experience today of the professional community is quite different from what it was twenty-five years ago in college. I have many friends who are counselors, therapists, psychiatrists, and psychologists. They know my story and they offer me much support and love. I would not want any remark in this article to further separate a member of the TV/TS community from the help that is available in the professional community.

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THE POLITICS OF TRANSSEXUALISM: STRATEGY FOR THE 1990'S

Sheila Mengert

Many years ago I had the honor of listening to the great psychologist Bruno Bettelheim as he discussed his experiences as a prisoner in the German concentration camps. I remember thinking at the time of the strange irony of history and cycles of power. Here was a man, talented, wise, and productive speaking to me in a quiet bookstore and he was the same man who had shivered in the cold under constant threat of death and the taunts of men who viewed this great man as only useful to move earth and then die. But he was alive and Hitler and all of his cronies were dead, a nightmare from which the world had at last awakened. The conclusion I came to was that people as both individuals and as communities are capable of being defined out of existence by more powerful groups. The essential nature of most things in life are matters of experience and faith, definitions only come afterwards. It is the group that does the defining, that determines the nature of the response to any minority group. This act of definition is an exercise of pure power and any resistance must realize this fact. The world comes by enlightenment slowly and many are the lost lives while the sluggish giant rolls over in his sleep. Whatever may be the ultimate truth of the phenomenon of transsexualism as a topic, the lived reality of being a person who experiences being transsexual is often tragic. Jobs are lost, families alienated, mental anguish endured, all in the name of that blind and insistent drive for integrity and identity that consumes the days and the nights of the transsexual person. And with all of this comes pseudo-moral condemnation, fear, ridicule, and now blatant political discrimination. Let us try for a moment to see ourselves as a community and see how the definitions of others determine the nature of our daily lives.

Prior to the 1950's a transsexual would have had trouble even finding a definition that corresponded to the transsexual's experience. Depending on the defining agency such a person would be viewed as: 1) A schizophrenic with gross body image distortion and the delusion that he/she belonged to the opposite sex; 2) A homosexual obsessed to an unusual degree with cross-dressing; or 3) An anti-social and criminal deviant. These abusive and unflattering definitions would have been applied to cover up a gap in knowledge as to the true nature of the phenomenon and also to enable various power groups to act upon the transsexual with some margin of belief in the rightness of their actions. Possible actions might include forcible confinement in a mental hospital, arrest and prosecution under vagrancy, disorderly conduct, and sodomy statutes, or general ridicule and oppression.

Now what happened in the 1950's, and continues to the present day, is that the medical community, or a section of it, came to see transsexual people as people manifesting a set of symptoms that might indicate an underlying disease entity. The word disease really implies a lack of ease, a discomfort. The primary experience of these people was one of acute pain in their assigned gender roles. The existence of an entity called transsexual is a medical construct to explain the experience of the transsexual person. Now the good part of this was that by defining us as victims of a syndrome we were freed from the former definitions which implied that we were morally deficient people living a deviant life-style. The bad part was that now we as individuals were put in the position of having to appeal to

a particular power group, the medical professionals, in order to validate our experience and in order to obtain the aid in transition that only the medical community could provide. To their credit, no group in society has been willing to be as compassionate and as concretely helpful to us as the medical profession. Still the theoretical problem remained, both the medical establishment and transsexuals were whistling in the dark as far as the general society was concerned. There was no objective test for transsexualism, we could only listen to the witness of transsexuals themselves as to the anguish of their position. Most people felt that this was not enough. It is strange but the testimony of the individual as to the character of his/her own experience was held to be the least reliable evidence. The transsexual person was therefore placed in the completely untenable position of seeking others to vindicate and to validate his/her own experience. The danger immediately becomes apparent. What if the defining groups withdraw their support? What if the DSM-III suddenly drops us? To whom could we turn, who would believe us, who would care enough to help us? The legal community, if judged by the position of the transsexual as regards the law, has been of marginal help. The law has retained for the most part the same ancient views as regards our condition as a community as the middle ages. A man is a man is a man and if you doubt it, try the famous seisen test—i.e. reach between the legs. The crudity and thinly disguised prejudice is evident in opinion after opinion. Lacking the wisdom and compassion of a Justice Cardozo or direct legislative action it would appear that transsexuals today have little hope of recognition and protection under anything but the areas of law where the condition as transsexual is irrelevant.

In short, as the 1980's draw to a close, we stand as we have too often stood virtually alone. Our very existence as a people is dependant on the good will and continued compassion and curiosity of the medical and psychological communities. It is true that support will probably continue because a truth once uttered is hard to destroy and our experience is a permanent part of the human story however rare it may be, but the point is that we must stop allowing ourselves to be treated like children (another oppressed class by the way) and to take responsibility for our own community. We must define our own lives or we will be forever victims. We must not rely on others to validate our lives. We must not view the necessary aid that we must obtain from medicine as the sole determinant of our identity as a people. Others must also seek the aid of medicine if they are to live productive and happy lives, but that aid is only a part of who they are as individuals and as a people. The diabetic, the open-heart surgery patient does not need to point to the doctor every time that his condition becomes manifest and we need not carry forever a card in our pockets from our doctors explaining to an ignorant and uncompassionate world who we are. We must attain power as a community in our own right and we must network with others engaged in a similar search for their own dignity and the right to define their own lives.

Let me make some concrete suggestions: 1) We must learn as individuals and as a community to resist the temptation to bolster our own sense of credibility by relying on others to validate our own experience of who we are; 2) We must reach beyond the immediate medical necessity of transition and seek to be an open and self- affirming witness in other areas of human life but as members of a transsexual community; 3) We must not view surgery as the end of an Odyssey but as the beginning of a life freed of disability; 4) We must avoid the fetishization of our own experience and work to eliminate the whole tacky sideshow mentality that has characterized the public media portrayal of our efforts to deal with our dilemma; 5) We must work to attain solidarity with one another and not waste time in bickering over minute differences of opinion or personality conflicts; 6) We must act out of our shared identity and experience to articulate our own version of who we are—i.e. we must learn to speak for ourselves in all of the arenas of life; 7) We must build bridges to other groups engaged in a similar struggle for human dignity, the aged, members of other sexual minorities, the poor, and above all feminists; 8) We must act as part of a meaningful human coalition to resist recent efforts at overt discrimination in the law and the misguided attacks of right-wing fundamentalists; 9) We must never forget our own dignity; 10) We must learn from the experience of other oppressed groups and when possible make common-cause with them.

This is not merely an article, it is a call for action. Please send responses and suggestions to the Transsexual Voice or J2CP Information Services. I do not know you, but I have suffered with you. You are, in many ways, my unknown family. I do not wish to scare you or to discourage you, but we are a community embattled on many sides. We have come very far, very fast, and God be thanked for that, but just as the Jewish people who lived for years and felt secure in the Germany, for which many had fought and died, which disowned them overnight, we may one day find ourselves alone again. We dare not while away our time though we are kind and trusting people. We live in a world where others are being daily defined out of existence. Let us not be victims waiting forever in the human bread line for our rightful dignity. We have suffered much and have survived, others less powerful need our witness. Let us leave our incapacity in the dust, clasp hands, and move into the future.

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SELF-PROTECTION AND SELF-DEFENSE

For the Genetic Male, While in the Female Role

By Dianna C., and Tomye Kelly, M.A.

The gentle, erotic, click-click sound of my high heels on the sidewalk was music to my ears. At last I was free of the bonds of maleness. I was free to be the woman I had always felt I should be, free and out in the world at last! My skirt swaying against my legs, my hair moving in the gentle breezes, caressing my shoulders and neck, how perfect it all seemed! Despite the cover of darkness and the very late hour, the joy inside of me was overwhelming. The light from the street lamp cast a shadow, the shadow of a woman in a skirt. Suddenly, however, a new sound entered my mind, jolting me from my reverie. Footsteps! Heavy footsteps, behind me, drawing closer quickly. A glance to my side revealed a second shadow, as I moved into the darkness away from the street lamp. Fear shot its icy blade through my body. There was no way back to the security of my car, except past this intruder; there was no way to run in these heels and skirt. I scanned the houses for some sign of life, where I could seek help. But this was not a familiar neighborhood, and it was very late. And then I felt his hand on my shoulder, and his gruff voice saying, "Don't do anything to make me hurt you, lady. Just come with me; we're going to have some fun, baby! There were two of them, seeming very macho, and they had been drinking. What was gong to happen to me next? Even if the police were to intercede, how would <u>they</u> treat me? How could I ever face the world again, knowing that I had allowed this to happen?

The reality of the woman's world is very different from the reality of the male world. Women learn very early, and very often as they grow up, that their rules and reality are very different from the rules and reality of men. Women know that they are vulnerable to attack, to physical abuse. Women know that many men consider them to be only objects of pleasure and admiration, objects to be conquered, used, displayed, and possibly discarded like any other possession or trophy. Most gender-conflicted males have the very mistaken idea that their male experience and knowledge will give them an edge in the world in the female role. Unfortunately, this idea is not true. Living, existing in the world as a woman means accepting life under the terms that most women live.

One of the terms most women live with is a sense of "learned fear." This is an attitude which comes from respect for the situation, not from terror. A general example of the concept of learned fear is the automobile driving skills that nearly everyone uses whenever the roads get icy and-or snow-pack. You know that the potential for a mishap, an accident, is much greater and so you slow down, and you pay more attention to the other drivers around you. You plan ahead to cover any situation of surprise that might occur. Basically, you are much more careful because you have seen the twisted results of other people's carelessness, even while you proceeded. This additional care is a "learned fear." This is one of those attitudes toward life that most women have adopted, particularly those who by choice ore necessity need to be outside after dark.

Women know and recognize their vulnerability. Women know that female hormones reduce their power and quickness, compared to men. Women learn very early in life that their personal appearance can be considered even by the police and by their friends, to be a "attractive nuisance." Women learn very early in life that they must live under the constant potential, the constant threat, of being a target for rape, even under the best of conditions. Consider the recent flurry of publicity concerning "date rape"--being raped by a man who was known and trusted. Women know that some of the clothing that they choose to wear limits their mobility; especially tight skirts, high heels, floor-length skirts, etc. The decisions on when and where to dress like this, though, are tempered against the perceived threat of the neighborhood where she will be going as well as the neighborhoods she will be passing through to reach her destination. If you dress like a hooker, and go through a part of town where hookers hang out, you should expect to be approached, and/or followed, (even in you car) as a hooker would. You should expect to be propositioned, and possibly attack, as hookers sometimes are by the "customers."

The very best method of protection for yourself, while in the female role, is to act like real women act, to understand, acknowledge, and adopt the principles of learned fear. Your best defense as a woman is prevention of situation which could get out of hand. For example, you should only park your car in a safe, well-lighted place. "Safe" means a place where there are other people for you

to walk with,others who can see you. There is safety in numbers. Avoid walking alone after dark. Try to always have someone, another woman, at least, seems to be with you. Especially after dark, and in any crowds, carry your purse or handbag so that it is well protected; don't just sling it carelessly over a shoulder or hold it loosely in your hand. Models, and actors in movies may carry their purses casually, but they are not at risk of being assaulted or of having their purse snatched while being filmed!"

The whole concept of danger is different within the woman's world. For example, women are likely to perceive a man who is a "flasher" as a danger, whereas men generally consider this to be a nuisance act.

A significant part of being a woman is caring about others in the world. Women go out of their way to sound alarms to protect others. This may be by returning to a building or house to warn others of a danger (whereas a man would most likely sense the danger, plan his own "escape," and go on his way.) Genetic/born males can't or won't scream; holler or shout, maybe, but not scream. This may be instinct, or it may be physiological.

If you must be out after dark, walk purposefully; don't saunter aimlessly. Sauntering implies vulnerability. If you appear to a casual observer to have no particular destination, the observer will know that time is on his side, that time will protect him should he choose to attack you. Know where you are going, and go directly there.

Use your peripheral vision to be aware of people, especially males who are in close proximity to you. Do not turn your head to see, any more than you have to. Most men, especially those who might want to approach you, will interpret your gaze, or even your glance, as a "come hither" look. This is a stupid concept, but it is unfortunately true in most cases. This is one reason why women will very rarely look around while they are stopped at traffic lights, for example. Actually, if you take the time to be really observant you will notice that at night most women will stop their cars somewhat behind or ahead of any other cars which are stopped. This makes it much harder for a man to stare at them, to get them to look back; returning a glance can be construed as a come-on. Men sometimes glance or stare at other men at a traffic light; This is a game of power, which most women realistically cannot participate in.

Before leaving the safety of any building, sore, restaurant, bar, etc., day or night, have your car door key identified and ready <u>in your hand</u>! This also applies to your house door key, when leaving your car. Carrying the proper key, ready to use, will vastly increase your personal safety,; if you are approached, you won't lose precious time fumbling through a purse looking for a key, and a potential attacker will know that you can escape easier. Besides, if you observe "real" women closely, you will see that nearly all of them carry their keys this way, and you are much more likely to be seen as a normal woman. When you enter your car, lock your car door immediately as you close it behind you. It is advisable, also, to look inside your car before you get in it, to insure that an attacker is not hiding inside.

Whenever you must drive anywhere, especially after dark, pre-select your destination, times, and conditions of travel; set a criteria for your trip and stick to it. Driving aimlessly can put you at as much of a risk as walking aimlessly; you increase your potential for attack if it appears that you will not be missed soon.

Just as when you are driving on icy streets, you need to pre-plan an "escape" in case problems occur. This is especially true if your route must take you through a neighborhood that has a reputation for being troublesome.

Recognize that if you are abducted by a male intending to rape, etc., you will be in much more danger than a genetic woman,. When the attacker discovers that you are not physically a woman, he will likely become extremely enraged, and may try to mutilate or even to kill you.

Your living and functioning in the female role can be easily compromised by your self-sufficiency, the level of self-help you choose to use can cause you to be read, which will seriously jeopardize any hope of outside help. Your chosen level of self-help may increase the possibility that you will be attacked. For example, if you have car trouble while you are out in the female role, your first instinct is the fix the problem (assuming that you can), rather than having to face another human being while in the female role. Because you won[t ever see a real woman repairing her car out on the road, this activity by you will cause considerable suspicion. And again, any potential attacker will know that you, as a female or as a male dressed as a female, have no means of escape. If you stay n the car, with the doors locked and the emergency flashers on, a potential attacker has no way of knowing whether help, or police, have been called and will arrive very soon to help you.

But, you protest, you have learned how to fight, how to protect yourself. All the years you spent trying to be a "model" male to hide your "secret", in the Marines, Special Forces, taking Karate, etc., taught you how to fight! In the female role, this is nearly useless information. You have never practiced Judo, Karate, or any of the other arts of self-defence, while in the female role; you have never tried the moves in heels and/ or a skirt. Besides, men and women use different styles if it becomes necessary to fight physically. Men slug with their fists, throwing the weight of their bodies. Females kick, slap, scratch, go for the face. The next time you "dress up", including long fingernails, try making a fist. Notice where your nails will go if you punch someone; your nails will shred the palm of your own hand! As a part of learning to fight, you should also have learned that a significant factor in any struggle is the mental belief that you will win. A male who attacks a female, or someone in the female role, has a decided advantage because in his mind he knows he can subdue any woman.

As a genetic/born woman, your first impulse if you were attacked or felt that an attack was eminent, would be to sound an alarm to protect others, or to get their attention. You wools scream, call for help, or quickly use a telephone to warn others, depending upon the situation. But more importantly, within the concept of learned fear, a woman would have identified her potential weapons, before they were needed. For example, a woman

could use her fingernails, a lighted cigarette, her high heels, her voice, finders, teethe, and especially the key in her hand! Because a man, in general, is stronger in a physical struggle, a women will go for extreme damage such as attacking the eyes or face, going after chunks of skin.

You should, however, avoid attacking the groin unless you are sure of total success; this maneuver will backfire if you fail and probably cause your attacker to hurt you even worse.

Although it would seem that in self-defense any style that stops your attacker is best, this is not true for the fender-conflicted person who is living, or just "out" in the female role. I you become involved in a physical struggle, and your fighting style is male, you will be read by onlookers or anyone who would have been coming to the aid of the "woman" being attacked. These people will then most likely "turn" on you an help your attacker: They will assume that you are the attacker since you are "in costume", or. that you are a "goddam faggot" who deserves a beating anyway, regardless of the situation.

Above all else, you must know and acknowledge that penalties exist for breaking rules covering personal safety. You must be aware that people, your friends, will chastise you for your carelessness if you are hurt while breaking the rules concerning personal safety. It is a double penalty.

Being a woman is much more complicated that just wearing make-up and dresses. In order for you to survive successfully in the world as a woman, you must study and learn the attitudes and realities of the woman's world. The first and most important step is to understand the concept of learned fear. Understanding these concepts, and living within them, will allow you to safely explore much of the remainder of women's reality.

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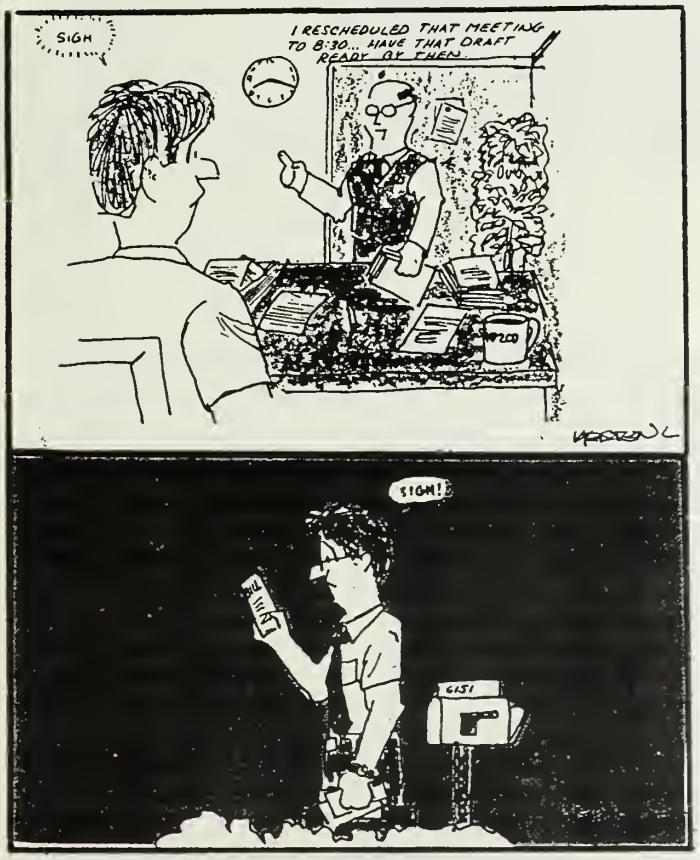

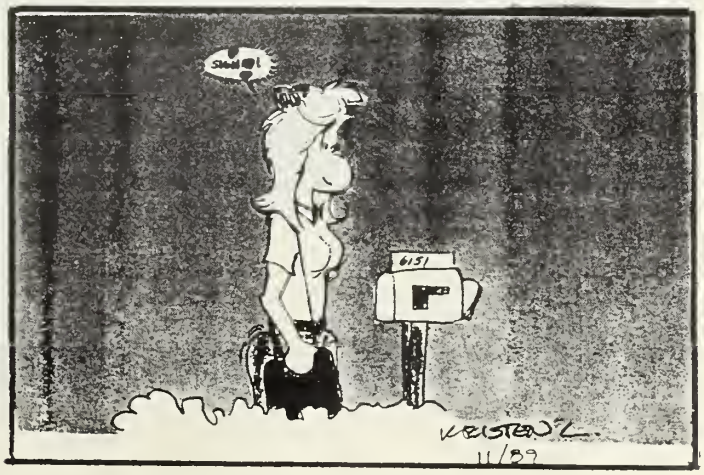

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"The Trinity Award recognizes extraordinary contributions and accomplishments in the gender community," said Naomi Owen, Board Member, at the presentation of the Trinity Awards. "These individuals and groups went above and beyond the call of duty."

The importance of the Awards was stressed by Betty Ann Lind. "I know so many people who have contributed so much to our community who have never heard a word of thanks for what they did. The Trinity Award is a very important way of expressing our thanks."

But Lind does not advise anyone conduct themselves in the gender community with the idea of eventually earning recognition with an award. "I've been pursuing my own bliss in crossdressing, not an award."

One of the Trinity Award recipients, Ellen Summers, said the honor was unexpected. "Back in 1975, when I debuted at a Dream Program on the Oregon coast, I never dreamed that the gender community would evolve into such a large and viable force. I'm just happy to have been a small part of that evolution." Summers was honored for her "years of caring, selfless service to others, and her knidness."

Other Trinity Award recipients were Sheila Kirk, leader, teacher, and friend; Yvonne Cook, extraordinary example of love,courage, and self-sacrifice; the Boulton and Park Society, sponsor of the Texas T Party in a militantly conservative environment; Stanley Biber, M.D., an outstanding medical caretaker and extraordinary human being; and Mariette Pathy Allen, a true friend and supporter of the gender community.

"For thirteen years I've watched this community truly become a community," said Mariette when she received her Award. "Its leaders each contributed something vital: Virginia Prince gave it definition and a non-medical image of itself, Ariadne Kane gave it a brilliant experimental learning environment in Fantasia Fair, Merissa Sherrill Lynn began the process of bringing the community to-

gether as a whole, Yvonne Cook and Betty Ann Lind gave us a sturdiness and accountability, Sheila Kirk gave us grace, and Naomi Owen a lighter touch.

"There are leaders blossoming all over the country, remarkable, enlightened people. Do you relize that you would have been the Berdaches in another society? You would have been the spiritual leaders, the visionaries who saw the bigger picture, because you see from more points of view. You would have been the guides.

"It is critical that you claim that position now. It is yours! I believe that I also came along at the right time both for myself, as a person who needed to grow, and for you because I have been able to contribute by lending you my vision, by helping you to see yourselves in another light - as fit to be seen in the daylight of everyday life, as people who are beautiful, and who have the potential for making a trementdous impact on how society defines itself.

"Please go beyond the heels, beyond the discussions on 'Why?' and forge ahead!

"Be visionaries! Be modern day Berdaches, wise people, leaders with another view of society! Thank you!"

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The Recipients:

Mariette Pathy Allen's selection was based on her contributions to our community that go far beyond her role as a professional photographer. She has proven herself to be a true friend and supporter, and has earned the love and respect of our entire community.

Dr. Stanly Biber's selection was based on his caring for his patients, a caring that goes far beyond any surgeon/patient responsibilities. Over the years he has helped thousands of our sisters and brothers live happer and more harmonious lives. We consider him to be an outstanding medical caretaker, an extraordinary human being, and a friend.

The Boulton & Park Society's selection was based on its sponsorship of the Texas T-Party. The T-Party is the largest and one of the most popular events sponsored by a single organization in the history of our community. This, plus the fact Boulton & Park is new, small, and located in a militantly conservative part of the country makes the Texas T-Party a truly extraordinary contribution.

Yvonne Cook's selection was based on her actions of February, 1988. IFGE was in crisis, and in real danger of ceasing to exist when Yvonne gave up her home, her relationships, and her career to come to work for IFGE. She saved IFGE. We consider her selfless actions to be an extraordinary example of love, courage, and self-sacrifice for her sisters and brothers.

Sheila Kirk's selection was based on her years of caring selfless service to others, and her kindness. This Award is to demostrate our community's love and respect for her as a leader, a teacher, and as a friend.

Ellen Summers' selection was based on her years of caring selfless service to others, and her kindness. This award is to demonstrate our community's love and respect for her as a leader, a pioneer, and as a friend.

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BE AN ART PATRON

. . . OR MATRON

Get a great tax deduction!

Contribute to a positive and artistic image for the gender community!

Help me be in the permanent collections of major museums!

In January, 1990, Transformations: Crossdressers and Those Who Love Them, was published by E. P. Dutton, and I had an exhibition at the Simon Lowinsky Gallery in New York. The work exhibited consisted of eleven 20" by 24" dye-transfer prints of images from the book. The dye-transfer process is the longest lasting and most beautiful method of color reproduction. Now the prints exist as a limited edition of boxed portfolios, signed and numbered.

Under the gift tax laws, there is a window of opportunity for 1991. A law was passed allowing people to give works of art not for what they paid for them, but at their appreciated value. If you buy a portfolio for $3500 (the production costs), Simon Lowinsky will appraise it for $10,000 (its appreciated value). He will donate the portfolio in your name (or whatever name you choose) to the most pestigious museums. He has contacts at: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Art Institute of Chicago, The San Francisco Museum of Art, and The New Orleans Museum of Art, among others. The museum will do all the paperwork, and your accountant will be impressed!

MARIETTE PATHY ALLEN

GENDER CLINIC FORMED

Robin M. Mathy, M.A.
Clinical Sexologist and Executive Director,
John Turner Memorial Gender Identity Clinic

It is a distinct pleasure to inform the gender community of the formation of the John Turner Memorial Gender Identity Clinic. In addition, I feel privileged as a clinical sexologist and a transsexual to be the Linic's first Executive Director. As Executive Director, my primary role is to establish the center's operating philosophy, develop an organizational structure, and recruit highly qualified, caring, compassionate professonals to work with individuals in the gender community. As a sexologist and a transsexual, I want to ensure that the highest standards of care are fostered in an atmosphere of honesty, compassion, and professional integrity. My operating philosophy is guided by my experience as both a transsexual and a sexologist. Simply put, it is my operating philosophy that transgendered individuals must have the freedom to explore the gender continuum in order to find the place(s) where they feel comfortable personally, socially, and professionally.

The exploration can and frequently does result in considerable anxiety and frustration as well as discrimination and social oppression. Exploration of the continuum requires the cooperation and support of caring and compassionate professionals. In essence, it is my belief that it is not in the best interests of caring for transgendered individuals that professionals determine for another human being where they are on an abstract three-dimensional continuum of gender identity, sexual identity, and sexual orientation.

The role of the professionals in the Clinic is to ensure that the individual's exploration is safe and healthy. To achieve this objective, it is necessary to have a clearly delineated division of labor in which the best trained and most highly qualified professional assumes responsibility for providing specific client care in a designated area of expertise. One would not go to a family practitioner for surgical sex reassignment, and one's endocrinological system and hormonal adjustment are no less sophisticated or important than the reassignment surgery. Moreover, professional guidance by competent practitioners is needed to ensure that appropriate standards of care are being followed.

In my desperation as a male-to-female transsexual, I have both used and abused a variety of hormones, including Premarin and Ogen. Well-meaning professionals unfamiliar with the appropriate steps in gender reassignment have demanded that I "cross-dress" before they would prescribe hormones. Other well-meaning professionals prescribed hormones in either inappropriate doses or ineffective combinations. Like most transgendered individuals, I have "read" the professional and told them what I thought they wanted to hear to get the "letter" or the "pills." In my own exploration, I have found that most transgendered individuals could earn an A.A. and in some cases even a B.A. degree based on their informal study of human sexuality, although the individuals to whom they present for treatment are far less knowledgeable. Hence, transgendered clients (as patients) have frequently been placed in the position of having to educate the professionals to whom they go for counseling or treatment.

The John Turner Memorial Gender Identity Clinic offers trust, sincerity, and hope. Our hope for you is that you will find a place on the gender continuum where you are content and at peace with yourself. In essence our program is designed to assist you in an extremely difficult but equally rewarding exploration. What our program is NOT designed to do is to screen candidates or discourage individuals from having sex reassignment surgery. That decision must be left to the individual, and if, after we have ensured that individuals have honestly and conscientiously explored the gender continuum and their place on it, the individual wants surgery, the individual will receive letters from no less than two psychiatrists, a clinical psychologist, a clinical sociologist, and a clinical sexologist. Moreover, clients will have the option of utilizing the Clinic's surgeons or going elsewhere.

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. . . . . CROSSDRESSERS

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Lind Receives Virginia Prince Lifetime Contribution Award at Coming Together Convention in Denver

Betty Ann Lind of Alexandria, Virginia is the recipient of the 1991 Virginia Prince Lifetime Contribution Award.

The Prince Award is the highest and most prestigious award conferred by the IFGE and within the gender community.

Previous recipients of the Prince Award are Virginia Prince herself (1987), Merissa Sherrill Lynn (1988), Ariadne Kane (1989), and Sr. Mary Elizabeth, SSE (1990).

For Lind the Prince Award is the culmination of a lifetime of crossdressing that began in childhood in a hotel on a "tree" street in the city of Chicago. Following a bout with rheumatic fever around the age of five, Lind experienced his first skirts when female playmates dressed him as a girl for pretend games and named him Betty after a popular cartoon character, Betty Boop.

Crossdressing experiences continued throughout Lind's childhood and early adulthood. Along the way, Lind earned a Master of Arts degree from the university of Minnesota.

Lind co-founded the Minnesota chapter of the FPE in 1964. She served as the MId-Atlantic Co-ordinator for Tri-Ess from 1976-1980, and has been the editor and publisher of "Our Sorority" from 1978 to the present.

Lind has held many offices in various crossdressing organizations. Most recently, she has been a member of the IFGE board of directors since 1987.

Lind is no stranger to awards within the gender community. In 1980, she was honored with the Tri-Ess National Service Award. She was also recognized as Miss Fantasia Fair that same year. In 1978, Lind received a Service Award from the Outreach Institute.

Lind's popularity in the crossdressing community is universal, and her name is known to crossdressers, to transsexuals, to their families, and to helping professionals. She enjoys a reputation of caring and concern for her sisters that is seldom matched.

Asked Saturday afternoon, April 13, prior to receiving her honor, what message she might convey to the gender community following nearly fifty years of crossdressing, "Strength through unity," LInd replied. "All groups, no matter what their orientation, should work together for the common good. We are either going to survive together, or we will each hang seperately," Lind added.

"The gender community needs to become part of the mainstream. We are not psychotic or abnormal in any way," Lind asserted. "We need to develop our economic and social resources. We need to acquire that power for ourselves. Once we acquire power, once we have earned power, we will arrive at what they call the American Dream - the right to pursue our own happiness in our own way," Lind concluded.

(photo: Renee Chevalier)

Betty Ann Lind, 5th recipient of the 'Virginia Prince Lifetime Contributin Award', receives her award from the 1st recipient, Virginia Prince.

Yvonne Cook, a Trinity Award recipient and IFGE official, was asked to comment on Betty Ann's contribution to the gender community.

"Like myself, and many others, Betty Ann has found a level of service within the gender community that grew out of her need to fulfill a dream," Cook said. "In pursuing and fulfilling her own dream, Betty Ann has reached beyond herself, and now she's helping everyone fulfill their dreams," Cook concluded.

--Sharon Ann Stuart

Virginia Prince Award Citation for Betty Ann Lind

The following citation was read by Ariadne Kane to the IFGE participants attending the closing banquet on Saturday, the thirteenth of April, 1991, at the Coming Together Convention, in Denver.

To Betty Ann Lind:

There are many plaudits, many praises, and many notes of gratitude to be given to you. All of them fall short of what we want our message to be today. To be sure, those praises and thank you's do accompany this statement to you. However, in order to make the words we

express to you truly meaningful, something else is needed. Perhaps the one most important message we can give to you and to all who read this is simply expressed in this way.

Betty Ann - you have led a special and unique life, fully committed to your sisters. For over three decades you have given of yourself, your wisdom, your immense vitality, and undivided attention to the transgendered community. You epitomize, "The Many Little Kindnesses," you have urged others to keep in mind. You personify completely - devotion, steadfastness, and uninterrupted love in your service to this community. You have given totally to so many of us in so many ways through your participation in so many clubs and organizations. Your service to the severe demands of numerous committees, boards, and the leadership of the transgendered community is without peer.

Your accomplishments will never be forgotten, your example in sharing and giving will never be lost. Our gratitude and love will always be evident to you by our Kindnesses to those who walk with us and follow in your footsteps.

Thank you for your remarkable love - always know you have our enduring love in return.

--Ariadne Kane, 3rd 'VP Award' recipient

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GIC of DENVER RAISES $1,279.00 FOR CHARITY

The Denver Foundation, Denver's only Community Foundation received a donation of **$1,279.00** as proceeds from a fund-raiser produced by the Gender Identity Center of Colorado, Inc. (GIC) in conjunction with the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE) at IFGE's fifth annual "Coming Together, Working Together" convention held at the Regency Hotel in Denver, April 8-14.

The donation was presented to Mr. Robert Lee, Executive Director of the Denver Foundation, by Laura Smiley, Chairperson of the GIC Board of Directors, and by Dianna, IFGE representative for the GIC, and organizer of the fund-raising event.

"This donation marks the first time that any group within the Gender Community has held a fund-raiser which reached out beyond the local organization," said Laura Smiley. "The donation indicates that the doctors, lawyers, teachers, business owners, corporate officers, bankers, engineers, airline pilots, and other community leaders who must live secretive, private lives to avoid the prejudices of society's stereotypes of the Gender Community are willing and able to contribute to the betterment of all society through organizations such as the Denver Foundation."

Dr. Stanley Biber, Las Animas County Commissioner and noted surgeon at Mt. San Rafael Hospital in Trinidad, Colorado, attended the fund-raiser. He stated that the contribution represents a significant milestone in the quest to educate the general public about the gender phenomenon, and to freeing the leadership, the intelligence, and the creative spirit possessed by the people within the Gender Community.

Both the IFGE and the GIC are tax-exempt, non-profit corporations. The GIC is a peer-support group, providing education, affiliation, and association for the Gender Community through a variety of programs.

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L-R: Mr. Robert Lee (Dir. Denver Foundation), Laura Smiley (Chrprsn GIC), Dianna C. (IFGE Rep)

EON IN SYRACUSE, NY GROWING AND CHANGING

EON (Expressing Our Nature)
523 Onondaga St.,
Syracuse, NY 13204. (315)475-5611.

Construction work is nearly complete on our space at the Trinity Parish Center. The electrician is done, and the contractor is nearly finished. The room just off the large parlor has been converted to a lovely office which I am sharing with Chris Hughes, an activist for the Gay and Lesbian community.

EON now has over fifty transgendered members. There are eleven board members, the newest one being Amy Bartell, a well known (female) feminist artist and activist. EON has now become an incorporated New York state charity.

We co-sponsored a Syracuse community-wide Valentine's Day party and dance with the Metropolitan Community Church and the AIDS Task Force of Central New York, held at the Trinity Parish Center. Over three hundred people attended this event. EON and several other alternative community and social justice community groups had information tables there. We will be sponsoring other fundraisers for AIDS support groups in the future.

In March, EON sponsored a pancake breakfast that was open to all people. It was held at the Trinity Parish Center, and was a successful fundraiser. We will be in the Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the Gay Pride March in June.

As part of our outreach, we now have members on the following boards of directors: The Empire State Pride Agenda, the PWA (Persons with Aids) Support Fund, the Syracuse Chapter of the ACLU, and the Trinity Episcopal Church. We also have members on the Committee of Inter-Faith Consortium for Community Issues, and the Stonewall Committee.

EON now has three general membership meetings a month, two on Saturdays, and one on a week night. A support group for Significant Others is now forming. An open, meet the people-type meeting is being planned, a friendship and social meeting that will be open to people outside the gender community.

A video tape of a presentation to a soliology class at Hamilton College will be available. This features Charliss Dolge and Angela Sheedy speaking to a class of sixty-five male and female college students. This is the first of what we hope will be many such engagements. We are also planning to sponsor events addressing gender and social justice issues in the general community.

EON is helping to operate the Trinity Parish Center Food Pantry.

The President of EON, Charliss Dolge, has represented her group and the Trinity Parish Center at various speaking engagements to other churches and alternative community groups.

We are working with Board Member Amy Bartell to create a new EON logo, and to render a limited edition print and poster that presents the transgender issue in a universal, beautiful, and sensitive way. EON is also working with a photojournalism student at Syracuse University to create a work that shows the Transgender Community itself, and in relation to the world.

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

WE BELIEVE IN:

The right of the transgendered person to full participation in and acceptance and affirmation by society as a whole. This is the right to dignity.

The right of all people subject to oppression to come together in unity and to create mechanisms of support for others of like kind. This is the right peaceful community.

The right of each individual to define themselves as they wish to be and to seek out their personal integrity without hindrance. This is the right to self love.

WE FURTHERMORE BELIEVE:

That persons who are transgendered and/or of same-gender sexual orientation are endowed, by virtue of their differentness, with a special charisma and unique vocation to transform the perceptions of others and the world itself by being exemplars of tolerance and love.

That our happiness, personal growth, and sense of fulfillment as individuals can only be achieved when we persevere in honestly opening the reality of our selves to others. **EON EXISTS TO PROMOTE THAT COURAGE.**

New Book Available from the IFGE

TRANSVESTITES: the Erotic Drive to Cross-Dress, Magnus Hirschfield, M.D. Translated by Michael A. Lombardi-Nash, Ph.D. Introduction by Vern L. Bullough, R.N., Ph.D.

This book is the latest addition to Prometheus Books' popular and highly controversial "Human Sexuality Series." This classic gender study explores all angles of transvestism, including social, physical, and emotional aspects. It is the only translation of this classic work now available.

First published in 1910 and NEWLY TRANSLATED, this book was and remains THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE TREATISE AVAILABLE on the subject. While styles have changed over the centuries, the enthusiasm of devotees has not.

To order, use catalogue # 049, price is $37.95 plus $2.50 for postage and handling.

SPECIAL CONCERT IN HOUSTON AUGUST THIRD, 1991 TO RAISE SEED MONEY FOR THE 1992 IFGE CONVENTION

TAU CHI and GCTC have joined forces to host a concert featuring **Da'nelle Martin** at the Hilton Southwest in Houston. The price of $39.00 includes a dinner concert on the night of August third, 1991, and a Tex-Mex Party with a cash bar the night before.

A block of rooms in the hotel has been set aside at a $45-50 for up to four people in a room.

We **NEED (i.e. MUST HAVE)** the following for the show to go on:

Three (3) genetic females,
Three (3) crossdressers, and
Three (3) genetic males

Auditions will be the first week in June. Rehearsals, the last week in July. We will also need people to help with the sets, and people who know how to work the lights.

Checks should be made payable to the 1992 IFGE Benefit Fund. Sponsors' Tables Patrons' Tables are available for $1000 and for $600 respectively. Each table seats ten.

Please address all correspondence to **Brenda Thomas, c/o IFGE Fund Raiser, 6804 E Hgwy 6 South #334, Houston, TX 77083.**

SUBJECT: FUND RAISING

FROM: Joni Chrissman, Coordinator
Fund Raising Ad Hoc Task Force
of the IFGE Marketing Committee

Dear Sisters, Brothers, and Friends

Beginning in 1978, a few committed sisters shared a vision and a dream for building an organization to serve our gender community. Due to their leadership and the hard work of countless others, IFGE has today become the premier international organization delivering numerous services to our community.

Despite limited human and financial resources, IFGE has enjoyed enormous success in organizing and implementing many programs for outreach, communication, cooperative action, and education both within our community and to society as well. The last 'Coming Together' convention identified our need for even more services and I suspect that demand will continue to dramatically increase in the 1990's.

Until now IFGE has somehow managed to conduct its operations with lots of blood, sweat, tears, and extremely limited financial resources. Net revenues generated from sales of Tapestry, reprints, and books have comprised better than 90% of the IFGE annual budget. Past contributions have supplemented the budget, but in 1988 and 1989 combined IFGE received less than $25,000 in contributions. This represents less than 10% of the total income. This is grossly inadequate.

I believe we have the need and the capacity to raise substantially more in contributions than we have in the past. The demand for services and the financial cost of delivering services is increasing dramatically. IFGE, to be successful in the 1990's, needs money ... and lots of it. IFGE expects to be short of funding in the $100,000 to $200,000 range. This current need is immediate.

This financial shortfall does not include our desire to build a substantial IFGE Trust Fund which will ensure success through the next decade and beyond.

I have volunteered to lead an ad hoc task force to address the long term funding needs of IFGE. Working with Yvonne Cook, Chairperson IFGE Financial Committee, Jane Fee, Chairperson IFGE Marketing Committee, and others, I hope to analyze, design, and recommend to the IFGE leadership a long term strategic plan providing for raising substantial funding in a major capital campaign. If successful, this capital will allow the IFGE leadership to once and forever eliminate living on the edge financially.

Most of us can't be as visible in society as we would sometimes wish. Yet, we all benefit every day from the representation, hard work, and efforts of the IFGE leadership. Now is the time to help these committed sisters and brothers out. Please think about the very tangible value all of receive from these services and look into your heart. Find something to contribute financially to meet IFGE's current and future needs. Any amount you could give will be welcomed.

All contributions are tax deductible, with receipt gratefully acknowledged. Any contributions could be paid by check, Visa/MasterCard, or stock or bond assignment. We also welcome designated contributions (Foundation Trust Fund, Christine Jorgensen Fund, Special Programs Fund), as well as anonymous contributions.

Recognizing that this vital campaign will not be an easy task, I would welcome any input, or direction from any of you.

Thank you, and much love!

Joni Chrissman
P.O. Box 3954, Minneapolis, MN 55403

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION for GENDER EDUCATION CONTRIBUTIONS

POLICY:

Contributions are an important source of revenue to IFGE. These funds enable IFGE to provide the necessary human and capital resources to serve the needs of our community. IFGE does not benefit from government, public, or United Way monies. It is entirely supported by revenue generated from the sale of publications, programs, and contributions.

All contributions are tax deductible, with receipt gratefully acknowledged, and kept totally confidential if the donor so desires. The contribution may be designated by the donor to any of the four funds described below, or be used for a specified purpose (such as a scholarship, or research grant). IFGE accepts cash, checks, Visa/MasterCard, or stock or bond assignments.

Remembering IFGE in your estate planning, will, or trust is a loving gesture which will permit us to build a significant trust fund to meet our community's needs for the next decade and beyond.

Living Memorials: Living memorials are sent to I.F.G.E. in memory of departed sisters, brothers, family members, and friends. Some memorials and contributions become a part of the permanent Foundation Trust Fund. Other memorials are given to a specified fund. I.F.G.E. wishes to express its heartfelt thanks to the individuals, families, and organizations who saw fit to remember their loved ones with a contribution to I.F.G.E.'s memorial Funds. These contributions will provide a lasting memorial to the memory of these friends and members of our community.

The IFGE Foundation Trust Fund: This fund has been established to provide a strong and permanent financial base. Only the income generated by this fund are used. Contributions to this fund are living contributions.

The Christine Jorgensen Memorial Fund: This fund has been established to assist in the implementation of transsexual education objectives and to address other transsexual issues.

The IFGE Programs Fund: This fund has been established to assist in the development and presentation of programs such as the international convention, conferences, workshops, seminars, and public speaking engagements.

The IFGE General Fund: This fund has been established to assist with miscellaneous funding needs. These needs include but are not limited to maintaining an office, a staff, purchasing and maintaining capital equipment, assisting IFGE committee projects such as educational resources and marketing, and improving communications with and support of our community's organizations and services.

The Christine Jorgensen Fund

I.F.G.E. acknowledges the following contributors:

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I.F.G.E. wishes to thank those persons who have substantially contributed to its general operations. I.F.G.E. gratefully acknowledges the following members of the **"500 CLUB"** (accumulated gifts of $500.00 or more), members of the **"1000 CLUB"** (accumulated gifts of $1000.00 or more), members of the **"2500 CLUB"** (accumulated gifts of $2500.00 or more), members of the **"5000 CLUB"** (accumulated gifts of $5000.00 or more), and **"BENEFACTORS"** (accumulated gifts of $10,000.00 or more):

"500 CLUB"

Allison Ellison
Abby Zapin
Gheri Lee Summers

"1000 CLUB"

Vicki Trebor
Wendi D. Pierce

"2500 CLUB"

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Anonymous (MN)

DIRECTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICES

(Updated May 1991)

(Organizations and services are sorted according to category and zip code)

(For insertions, corrections, and deletions: IFGE Directory, P.O. Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778)
(New organizations, services, and individuals interested in forming new groups are welcome.)

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

MASSACHUSETTS

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR GENDER EDUCATION: I.F.G.E., Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778, (617) 894-8340 FAX (617) 899-5703. Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Director.

Nature: I.F.G.E. is a non-profit educational and service organization designed to serve as an effective communications medium, outreach device, and networking facility for the entire TV/TS Community and those affected by that Community.

Services: I.F.G.E. publishes the TV-TS Tapestry Journal and other publications relevant to the TV/TS theme. We sponsor an annual international convention. We serve as an international information and referral clearinghouse, speakers' bureau, and a safe, friendly "drop-in center" for emergency peer counselling and ongoing volunteer work.

IFGE CONGRESS OF REPRESENTATIVES: Congress of Representatives, P.O. Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778 (617) 894-8340 Sonia Gale, Coordinator

Nature: The Congress of Representatives are individuals selected by independent non-profit organizations, services, and chapters to represent the special interests of their organizations. Also, the representatives serve as the communications conduit between their organizations, the IFGE national headquarters, the IFGE Board of Directors, the IFGE national committees, and with other organizations.

TIFFANY CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND, Inc.: TCNE, Box 2283, Woburn, MA 01888. (508) 358-2305. Ms. Roberta D., President

Nature: Tiffany is a non-profit social and educational organization for anyone desiring to explore and develop their total personality for the attainment of a peace of mind not otherwise possible. Tiffany provides support programs for the individual member, family, and friends.

Services: Tiffany services and activities include but are not limited to publishing the Rosebuds newsletter, operating a safe-house, and organizing "get-togethers", workshops, seminars, and beauty courses. Tiffany sponsors a formal Wives and Significant Others support group, an informal TS support group, parties, nights on the town, referrals, a speakers bureau, and group outings.

Security: Tiffany welcomes all mature and responsible persons who will exercise good manners, use common sense, and protect the security and peace-of-mind of all. Attendees must have met with and been cleared by a member of Tiffany's Screening Committee. Alternately, the applicant must present a letter of introduction from a qualified person to insure that the attendee understands Tiffany's objectives and will comply with Tiffany's code of conduct and security requirements.

TIFFANY CLUB WIVES SUPPORT GROUP: WSG, C/O Box 2283, Woburn, MA 01888, (508) 358-2305. Toini McDonald, Director

Nature: Affiliated with the Tiffany Club. For those in a committed relationship with members in good standing at the Tiffany Club.

Services: Monthly meetings, one-on-one support, outings, and other events.

Security: See 'Tiffany Club'.

COUPLES SUPPORT GROUP: Couples Support Group, c/o P.O. Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778 K. & C. Blake, Co-Directors For information call: (617) 894-8340 or (617) 899-2212

Nature: A moderated rap group to encourage continuing open communication between two partners in a committed relationship where one partner is a crossdresser.

Services: Scheduled meetings held on the 3rd Friday of each month, 8-10 p.m. at the IFGE headquarters, 6 Cushing St., Waltham, MA. No fees.

Security: Partners do not cross-dress for meetings. Newcomers welcome - please call ahead.

THE OUTREACH INSTITUTE: Outreach, Box 368, Kenmore Station, Boston, MA 02215. Ariadne Kane, Dir. (617) 277-3454

Nature: The Outreach Institute is a non-profit educational corporation. Outreach works primarily with Helping Professionals from the fields of Education, Guidance and Counselling, Therapy, Medicine, Law and Law Enforcement, Nursing, and Human Services.

Services: Outreach's programs include OPERN (Outreach Professional Evaluation and Referral Network), seminars and workshops, a newsletter, Fantasia Fair (a living/learning experience for both male and female crossdressers, transsexuals, and androgynes) and a book and publication service. A catalog of books and reprints is available for $5.00. Outreach also offers two information packets: one each for F-M and for M-F TSs at $25.00 each.

Security: Outreach's programs are highly sophisticated and strictly non-sexual. All participants in any Outreach program are expected to behave accordingly.

THE ADAM SOCIETY: The Adam Society, c/o Dan Riley, 6 Cushing St., 2nd Fl., Waltham, MA 02154

Nature: A non-profit support group for female-to-male crossdressers and transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings. Publishes Adam's Word.

Security: Inquire

PINK FLAMINGOES: c/o the Gay and Lesbian Center, 338 Newury St., Boston, MA (617) 536-5639.

Nature: Support and referral group for crossdressers, transgenderists, and transsexuals.

Services: Meets every Saturday from 4:00 to 6:00pm at the Gay and Lesbian Center in Boston.
Screening: None.

RHODE ISLAND

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHESHIRE COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: See 'Helping Professional' Listings

MAINE

TRANSSUPPORT: TransSupport, Box 17622, Portland, ME 04101.

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, their families, and friends.

Services: Monthly meetings. Inquire for time and place. Publishes 'Trans-Talk' newsletter.

Security: Inquire

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CONNECTICUT

THE XX (TWENTY) CLUB (Hartford, CT): The XX Club, Box 80690, Forest Park Station, Springfield, MA 01138

Nature: The XX Club is non-profit and non-sexual. It is a social, educational, medical, and outreach organization for persons interested in transsexualism. Friends and relatives are also welcomed, as are all those interested in or involved with the cross-dressing community.

Services: The XX Club publishes a monthly newsletter. It holds two meetings each month (second and fourth Saturdays, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.) at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford. The meetings include educational and medical presentations, outreach work, and information distribution. We also have social get-togethers, club parties, and other events.

Security: We place no security restrictions on people who wish to subscribe to our newsletter. However, any person wishing to attend our meetings must meet with and be cleared by a member of our screening committee, or present a letter of introduction from a qualified person to ensure that the attendee understands the XX Club's objectives and goals and that the individual will comply with security requirements and code of conduct. We request that all who attend our functions respect our anonymity.

CONNECTICUT OUTREACH SOCIETY: P.O. Box 163, Farmington, CT 06034

Nature: Non-profit and non-sexual but respectful of its members' sexual preferences. Its objectives are to promote and propagate the friendship of the TV/TS community through education, support, and understanding of its members and their families.

Service: Punctual response to all communications, informative monthly newsletter 'Connecticut View', Wives Support Group, rap sessions, parties at various locations. Wig, makeup, clothing, and demeanor assistance available. Costs shared by participants.

Security: None. House parties on an invitational basis, bar parties open. All members are required to be discreet and tolerant of each other. Common sense and courtesy prevail.

HARRIET LANE'S TV SET: P.O. Box 4002, Wallingford, CT 06492 (203) 237-1968 (ask for Harriet Lane or Joanie Lassin).

Nature: Home parties for open-minded TVs, TGs, TSs, and their immediate spouse or friends.

Services: Meetings 2nd & 4th Saturday each month. Membership $100.00 per year. Key members $250.00 (store clothes & have key between 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.). Information on TV activities. Newsletter.

Security: All TVs etc. must dress at the clubhouse. Dressing room provided. Discretion required. Contact Harriet or Joanie for phone interview & personal meeting.

JO-JO OUTREACH GIRLS GROUP: PO Box 1226, Glastonbury, CT 06033-1226.

Nature: Non-sexual social and friendship group that occasionally goes out to regular (non-gay) establishments. Also do support and outreach through the media. Political and educational outreach in both the print and broadcast media.

NEW JERSEY

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER: c/o Ms. Kimberly S. Grant, 7 Mill Road, Irvington, NJ 07111

Nature: Transsexual support group.

Services: Meetings.

Security: Inquire

F_2M: c/o S.G., Box 615, Tenafly, NJ 07670.

Nature: A non-profit social and support organization created by and for female-to-male transsexuals and crossdressers. "Knowledge is the key to the door of gender-reassignment. Up-to-date information is essential."

Services: Social events in the New York area, confidential contacts, a comprehensive resource directory, and a newsletter. Compiling information necessary to the F-M transition into a central database. F_2M actively solicits correspondence: questions, concerns, and all items of F-M TS information are requested.

Security: We believe that confidentiality, and often anonymity are critical issues for TSs on our mailing list. All correspondence is considered confidential.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: Ms. Lynda Frank, Box 9192, Morristown, NJ 07960; 201-663-0772.

Nature: Open membership, non-sexual.

Services: Get-togethers the last Saturday of each month at various locations in northern NJ. Ms. Frank now handles the TV-related affairs of the dissolved Pine Brook, NJ chapter as well.

Security: Interview required.

TRANSFORMATIONS, Reflections On Gender Roles And Religious/Spiritual Values: Joy Helms, P.O. Box 1355, Princeton, NJ 08542

Nature: A non-profit quarterly newsletter which addresses the relationship between issues relating to gender struggles and religious/spiritual values.

SIGMA NU RHO CHAPTER TRI-ESS: Nolonger functioning. See Chi Delta Mu in New York and use their address and phone.

RENAISSANCE - SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER: Refer to Chi Delta Mu in New York.

NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY GENDER ALLIANCE: NYCGA, c/o Fem Fashions, 9 W 31st St, #7R, New York, NY 10001, 212-582-6823. Muriel Olive, Director.

Nature: Non-profit social organization for members and friends of the TV/TS community.

THE GATHERING: The Gathering, P.O. Box 29, New York, NY 10021-0030 David Tolbin, Advisor

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual support group serving primary and secondary transsexuals and other gender dysphoric persons in the greater New York metropolitan area. Any interested party may attend a meeting upon written request.

Services: Meetings the 1st Saturday of every month (meeting sites vary; inquire first). Presents programs, information, guest speakers, names of helping professionals, peer counseling, a newsletter, and a warm and friendly atmosphere where transsexual and gender dysphoric persons will feel they are not alone. Dues are $35.00 per year. A subscription to the group's newsletter PASSAGES is $25.00 for 12 issues. Members receive the newsletter without charge. All visitors or prospective members must contact the group prior to attending one of our meetings.

Security: Participation is open to all potential M-F and F-M pre-and post-operative transsexuals, friends, and relatives. Inquiry required.

EULENSPIEGEL SOCIETY: The Eulenspiegel Society, Box 2783 Grand Rapids Station, NYC, NY 10163, 212-477-6588.

Nature: For those with S/M and B/D fantasies. The oldest organization of its type.

Service: Frequent events specifically oriented toward the TV. Inquire for times and locations.

CHI DELTA MU OF TRI ESS: Chi Delta Mu, P.O. Box 477, Co-op Station, Bronx, NY 10475. Hot Line (201) 663-0772

Nature: See "Society for the Second Self".

Services: Get-togethers the 2nd Saturday of each month in either northern New Jersey or southern Westchester County, NY. Very interested in attracting wives and girl friends. We have over 75 paid members, and have been in existence over five years.

Security: Private interview with Chapter President or qualified member.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT: Girls Night Out, P.O. Box 369, Brooklyn, NY 11235

Nature: An open social and support group for TV's, TS's, and friends.

Services: Monthly meetings in secure Manhattan location. Educational programs, advice and counseling. Partake in NYC nightlife. Dressing facilities available. Meetings last Saturday of month. Memberships $25.00; Meeting contribution: $3.00 for members, $6.00 for non-members. Send S.A.S.E. for full information package.

Security: Open group, no screening.

LONG ISLAND FEMME EXPRESSION (LIFE): Address invalid 5/14/91.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services/Security: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA.

TRANSGENDERISTS' INDEPENDENCE CLUB (TGIC): TGIC, Box 13604, Albany, NY 12212-3604, 518-436-4513 (Thursdays 7-9 p.m., or leave a message and instructions for calling back.)

Nature: Non-sexual group offering support to crossdressers, transsexuals, mates, wives, and families.

Services: Two monthly parties, weekly support group raps, monthly mates/wives support group, bi-monthly newsletter, shopping guide, key club, and storage.

Security: We have a screening process to ensure the comfort and safety of all. You may feel sure of anonymity and our discretion.

TRANSGENDER NETWORK: Transgender Network, P.O. Box 177, Tillson, NY 12486-0177

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual, social and educational support group for TV's, TS's, and SO's. Clergy and professionals are also welcome.

Services: Meetings 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, social outings, beauty consultants, places to shop, mail order boutiques, guest speakers and referral service.

Security: All inquiries are made through our P.O. Box. Names, addresses and phone numbers of each member are held in strict confidentiality. We expect all who attend to exercise good manners and sense. Anonymity and discretion is requested to ensure privacy to all.

EON (Expressing Our Nature): EON, 523 W Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13204. Charliss Dolge, President; (315)475-5611.

Nature: An open support group for all crossdressers, transgenderists, and transsexuals, regardless of gender identification and sexual orientation. EON provides the context for transgendered people to experience their own happiness, personal growth, and sense of fulfillment: peer support meetings, social occasions, and community-wide events.

Services: EON has its own facility and offices. General membership meetings are the first and third Saturdays and fourth Wednesday of each month. The Support Group for Significant Others meets regularly. Meetings are secure, safe, and anonymous, providing the opportunity to explore gender identity in safety.

Security: An initial interview with a member is required for membership.

CROSSROADS OF BUFFALO: Vern, 2316 Delaware Ave. Suite-102, Buffalo, NY 14216

Nature: Non-profit support group for transsexuals and crossdressers and their partners or family.

Services: TS group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month. CD group meets on various Saturday evenings. Dues: $25.00. Monthly newsletter, Crosscurrents, subscription $15.00 per year. Single copy: $1.50.

Security: New mwmbers usually must talk to a group member.

NU PHI CHI CHAPTER - TRI ESS: Nu Phi Chi, P.O. Box 473 Bridge Sta., Niagara Falls, NY 14305-9998

Nature: Social support organization for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA

ROCHESTER CD-NETWORK: CD-Network, P.O. Box 92055, Rochester, NY 14692, 716-251-2132 (24-hr. hotline and recorder).

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual support group for CD's, TS's, and their spouses. Over 50 members, mostly from upstate NY.

Services: Monthly meetings and social events in a secure, supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere. Monthly newsletter 'CD News'. Cooperative activities with other crossdresser groups in NY state.

Security: Newsletter sent to all members who have completed membership questionnaire. Invitation to meetings extended after screening interview, or with references from a sister organization.

PENNSYLVANIA

PERSAD CENTER, INC.: See 'Helping Professional listings'

TRANSPITT: Box 3214, Pittsburgh, PA 15230.

Nature: TransPitt is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization with an open membership policy.

Services: Meetings the third Saturday of each odd-numbered month. Referrals.

Security: Meeting with Club officer.

3R SUPPORT GROUP (RENAISSANCE RECOVERY REFLECTION): 3R Support Group, Box AD, Bensalem, PA 19020

Nature: 12 step support group for those in recovery from alcohol and drugs. Our primary purpose is to stay clean and sober, and to help support gender identity and recovery. We are in addition to, not in place of other programs.

Services: Meetings 3rd Saturday of each month at the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of Renaissance location.

Security: Inquire

PHILADELPHIA TRANSSEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP: Address invalid 5/14/91.

Nature: To educate the community on TS issues and to give support needed in this sometimes confusing period. Dues: $25.00/yr.

Services: Monthly meeting, social events, professional referrals.

Security: No drugs or excess baggage.

RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Box 552, King of Prussia, PA 19406. (215) 630-1437 (24 hrs).

Nature: Renaissance is a non-profit, non-sexual organization dedicated to the support and education of the transgendered community and the general population. It is an open group that accepts without judgement and helps individuals to grow at their own pace.

Services: For TVs and TSs. Monthly meetings with educational programs, Significant Other Support Group, Transsexual Support Group, TV rap groups, a monthly newsletter, and community activities. Call the Help Line 24 hours a day for information on the latest activities.

For professionals: Speakers Bureau with experienced and accomplished lecturers for college, university, radio, and television appearances anywhere in the US. Renaissance also publishes a series of Background Papers to help professionals and clients to understand transgender behavior.

Security: There is no screening process for prospective members. All member personal information is strictly confidential and available only to the Board of Directors.

DELAWARE

WASHINGTON DC

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON: R. Lewis, Box 50724, Washington, DC 20091-0724.

Nature: Non-profit social organization for members of the TV/TS community.

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE CHAPTER TRI-ESS: c/o Tri-Ess, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275.

Nature: Heterosexual crossdressers' support group for TVs and their families.

Services: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA.

Security: Inquire.

JANUS/DC: c/o H. Martin Malin, PhD, 4835 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Nature: Transsexual support. Not to be confused with the Society of Janus, a California S/M group with chapters having similar names.

GENDER IDENTITY OUTREACH CENTER USA: c/o Gary, Box 133, Westminster, MD 21157. Gary Fannin, Dir.

Nature: A non-profit nationwide support system for all transgender persons.

Services: A 24-hr hotline with TDD access for the hearing impaired and deaf. Monthly right-to-know workshops on issues pertinent to crossdressers. A monthly

publication "The TV's Guide" and a "three for free" condom distribution center for the crossdressing community with an AIDS outreach program specifically designed for crossdressers.

Security: Open to all persons interested in transgender issues and the TV/TS liberation movement. All information is kept strictly confidential and available to the center's director.

MY CHOICE: c/o Shana Roberts, 7 S. Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21231 301-732-4546

Nature: We are a non-profit support group for TV's and TS's.

Services: Meetings the second Saturday of the month. Call or write for location of meetings. Support and advice are given. We have a registered social worker qualified in TG issues at every meeting. We usually go out socializing after meetings. Shopping, make-up and coming-out help available.

Security: Interview by phone or in person required before attendance of meetings. Phone and address list available only to Shana Roberts and Kathy Lyn, who heads up our TS department.

THE BRIDGE CLUB: c/o Michelle Gerald, P O Box 11737, Baltimore, MD 21206-0337

VIRGINIA

DELTA CHI EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (DCEA): DCEA, P.O. Box 16036, Arlington, VA 22215

Nature: Social/support group for TVs, TSs, and their significant others.

Services: Social activities, meetings one a month. Publishes "The Pinnacle" newsletter.

Security: Inquiry needed.

WEST VIRGINIA

TRANS-WV: TRANS-WV, P.O.Box 2322, Huntington, WV, 25724-2322

Nature: A non-sexual social/support group for crossdressers, TSs, their spouses, and significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings the third Friday of the month. Costs of accommodations are divided among members in attendance. At our meetings we dress-up, talk, and plan. We plan to establish some form of outreach.

Security: Prospective members must meet with an officer before being told the meeting place. No member shall reveal the true name, address, phone number, or profession of any other member to anyone, except with the other member's express permission.

NORTH CAROLINA

KAPPA BETA - TRI ESS: Kappa Beta, P.O. Box 12101, Charlotte, NC 28220

Nature: Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving the Carolinas and Southern Virginia.

Services: Monthly meetings August to May, usually in Charlotte. Monthly newsletter, The Dixie Belle, $15.00 per year.

Security: Interview with Board member. Must be eligible to join (i.e., be a current member of Tri-Ess).

PHOENIX TRANSGENDER SUPPORT: Phoenix, P.O. Box 18332, Asheville, NC 28814

Nature: Non-profit TV/TS support group. Significant others and friends welcome.

Services: Irregularly scheduled meetings. Inquire for time and location. 1 on 1 meetings if requested.

Security: Good manners, common sense, protect the security and peace of mind of all.

SOUTH CAROLINA

GEORGIA

THE TRANSSEXUAL VOICE: Box 16314, Atlanta, GA 30321.

Nature: A newsletter written by and about transsexuals. $2.00 per copy; $12.00 per year.

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC. P.O.Box 33311, Decatur, GA 30033, 404-603-9426

Nature: Strictly a support group for F-M and M-F pre- and post-op transsexuals. Moderate fees.

Services: Referrals, rap sessions, and programs designed for the needs of the transsexual. Publishes 'Insight' newsletter quarterly, and 'MM & PI Monthly' on the other months so that your $22.00 subscription will get you 12 issues in total.

Security: Interview required.

MONTGOMERY MEDICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, INC. (The Augusta Chapter): Jerry, Lynn, or Tommie, P O Box 33311, Decatur, GA 30033 (404) 603 9426. Contact April.

Nature: TS support group and professional services. Information distribution center for the state of Georgia.

Services: Monthly meetings, free professional referrals, speakers, training seminars, hot line, and an annual TS convention. Publications: "MM & PI Monthly" newsletter, "Insight" a quarterly magazine for and about TS's, among others.

Screening: Required of clients before becoming members. Local professionals working with our members are also screened.

FLORIDA

FANTASIA: Fantasia, c/o GLCS, P.O. Box 533446, Orlando, FL 32853-3446 contact: Sabrina Marcus

Nature: Social support group for all TV's & TS's.

Services: Group meets every Friday at 7:00 p.m. to discuss common problems, share experiences & network information. Objectives include promoting the TV/TS Community through education & understanding.

Security: Interview required.

SERENITY: Serenity, Box 307, Hollywood, FL 33022. Hotline: 305-921-8738

Nature: Social/support group for TVs, TSs, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings 2nd Friday of each month at the Church of the Holy Spirit (MCC), 330 SW 27th St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Newsletter.

Security: Inquire.

MOVING ON, REACHING & EXPERIENCING (M.O.R.E.): M.O.R.E., P.O. Box 100665, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33310-0665 contact: Josephine Williamson 305-966-2138

Nature: An action-based support group for the experienced male cross-dresser. MORE will provide the support, friendship and trust necessary to allow the individual to explore and find their own answers of where in the gender spectrum they want to be.

Services: Meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The meeting consist of a one hour topic discussion, a brief business meeting, and a group public activity.

Security: Mailing list is confidential. Telephone contact list is open to all members. Attendance by non-member requires interview.

BLOSSOM'S SAFE HOUSE: Blossom C. Paster, 28417 Trident Court, Wesley Chapel, FL 34249. (813) 973-0987.

Nature: A private setting where CDs can take their wardrobe, makeup, questions, and problems.

Services: Peer counselling, problem solving, dressing, electrology, and makeup advice by a longtime professional member of the Gender Community. There is a nominal fee.

Security: Call or write.

PHI EPSILON MU/CENTRAL FLORIDA SISTERS Box 3261, Winter Park, FL 32790-3261

Nature: Non-profit, non-sexual social support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others.

Services: Meetings 1st Saturday of each month. Monthly newsletter to members and other groups.

Security: Interview required, emphasizing good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

SIGMA EPSILON- TRI ESS: Sigma Epsilon S-129, 8084 N. Davis Hwy. E3, Pensacola, FL 32514

Nature: Social support group for male heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others. Serving Georgia, Alabama, N. Florida, & Tennessee.

Services: Monthly meetings, except June and August, at established Atlanta & Chattanooga locations. Monthly newsletter $15.00 /yr.

Security: See Society for the Second Self, Tulare, CA.

THE SOUTHERN BELLES/ TAU SIGMA BETA CHAPTER OF TRI ESS c/o Michelle Kaufman, Box 7311, St. Petersburg, FL 33734-7311

Nature: Non-profit social/support group for male heterosexual crossdressers, their wives and girlfriends.

Services: Meetings 3rd Saturday of month in private homes. Monthly newsletter, with items of interest to the crossdressing community.

ALABAMA

SERGA: c/o C. M. Steadman, 2021 High Ridge Dr., Suite 9-D, Huntsville, AL 35802.

MISSISSIPPI

BETA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS IN MISSISSIPPI: Beta Chi, P.O. Box 31253, Jackson, MS 39206-1253 Hotline: (601) 982-7678 (24 hrs). Lee Frances, Secretary

Nature: Social support group for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA. Publishes "Premiere" newsletter.

Security: Inquire.

TENNESSEE

KENTUCKY

OHIO

CRYSTAL CLUB: Crystal Club, P.O. Box 287, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-0287 614-777-0648

Nature: An open support group for TV, TS, and others who cross-dress with a full feminine identity. We provide a non-threatening environment for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Meetings the 4th Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with a meeting fee of $15.00. Peer support, newsletter. Buyers guide in preparation. We cooperate with neighboring organizations such as Alpha Omega, Paradise, and Cross-Port. Publishes The Crystal Chronical.

Security: Inquire. Include a brief biography of yourself, and tell them where you heard about us.

ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER, TRI-ESS: Alpha Omega, Box 954, Elyria, OH 44036

Nature: A social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their families.

Services: Bi-monthly meetings. Publish the Alpha Omega Outreach newsletter.

Security: Membership and attendance at a meeting requires the approval of a qualified Alpha Omega officer.

PARADISE CLUB: Paradise, P.O. Box 29564, Parma, OH 44129.

Nature: Paradise is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization with an emphasis on friendship and support, especially for wives. Paradise has approximately 90 members, with an average of 50+ in attendance at each meeting.

Services: Paradise publishes a newsletter (Paradise Tales), and sponsors a meeting every other month with a catered dinner and usually a special event such as a speaker, make-up advice, a show, or other event of interest.

Security: Paradise welcomes all mature and responsible. We place emphasis on manners, common sense, and the security of all. Membership is offered only after a personal interview with an officer. Non-members may attend meetings with the concurrence of an officer. Open membership, but all members must be crossdressers, and must dress at meetings.

CROSS-PORT: Box 12701, Cincinnati, Ohio 45212 1-513-851-6174

Nature: Cross-Port is a non-profit, non-sexual organization for the male-to-female and the female-to-male crossdresser and transsexual, and supportive friends regardless of sexual preference, practices, or orientation.

Services: Cross-Port distributes a monthly newsletter to all members.

Security: All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen. Common sense is the rule. The mailing and membership lists are confidential. No member shall reveal the true name, address, telephone number, or profession of any other member to anyone, except with the other member's express permission.

CD FORUM: UUCP electronic mail:
uunet!samsung!wizvax!cdforum-request
Internet electronic mail:
samsung!wizvax!cdforum-request@uunet.uu.net

Nature: An electronic mailing list.

Services: To share experiences about gender issues. This list is in Digest Format. An archive server with resources, movie/book lists, and fiction is available. Back issues are available. Electronic mail forwarding to members. To join, send electronic mail to Stephanie P. Gilgut at the above address. Your first contribution should include a brief bio. Contributions for publication should be sent by email to:
UUCP: **uunet! samsung! wizvax! cdforum** Internet: **samsung! wizvax! cdforum @ uunet. uu. net**

INDIANA

IXE: IXE, Box 20710, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

Nature: A non-profit TV/TS social/support group.

Services: IXE distributes a monthly newsletter to all members. IXE has a BBS, shared on line with the Adult BBS. Users must be registered with the Adult BBS before access will be given. Upon access type <J> then <I>. Dial 317-784-6975

Security: Mailing and membership lists are confidential. No names, addresses, or phone numbers will be given out, even with the member's permission. Manners and common sense are expected of all members and their guests at all meetings. IXE is a supportive non-judgemental group for all persons honestly dealing with gender conflict. We welcome all to our meetings.

MICHIGAN

CROSSROADS CHAPTER: Club address: Crossroads, c/o , Box 1245, Royal Oak, MI 48068-1245. Joanne Janiszewski, President. Phone messages: 313-446-0782.

Nature: Crossroads is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization emphasizing friendship, support, and the peace of mind of all. Crossroads has a formal membership of approximately 90 and an informal membership of approximately 250.

Services: Crossroads publishes a newsletter (Crossroads Chatter) and sponsors both formal and casual social activities. We provide referrals to other organizations nationwide, and to helping professionals in the Great Lakes area. We also investigate agencies, businesses, and organizations, and do considerable outreach work and publicity for the paraculture.

Security: Crossroads welcomes all mature and responsible people, and emphasizes good manners, common sense, and the security of all.

CROSSROADS OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN: See Crossroads Chapter, above.

CROSSROADS: Milesa Phar, Box 1245, Royal Oak, MI 48068.

NATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT GROUP: N.G.D.O, P.O. Box 02732, Detroit, MI 48202 (313) 842-5258. Justina Williams, President.

Nature: N.G.D.O. is a non-profit support/educational organization for the gender dysphoric (transsexual) community, and crossdressers.

Services: We publish The N.G.D.O. Key to Freedom. We offer referrals to compassionate helping professionals and support groups which are separated as to sexual orientation. We also offer a discrimination committee.

Security: The N.G.D.O. protects the privacy of its members. You can trust us. Meetings are held at a safe location.

THETA OMEGA GAMMA - TRI-ESS (Detroit area): Theta Omega Gamma, c/o Tri-Ess, P.O. Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275 (temporary address)

Nature: Social support for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CROSSDRESSERS: NAC, P.O. Box 497, Flint, MI 48501 Grace Bacon, Dir.

Nature: An organization dedicated to education and outreach.

Services: Publishes and distributes the informational pamphlet "An Overview of Crossdressing, Transvestism, and Transsexualism".

I.M.E. OF WESTERN MICHIGAN: Address invalid 5/14/91.

Nature: Social, support, and educational group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others, regardless of sexual orientation.

Services: Social outlet of the Cross Dresser. Mail forwarding. We have the services of a MSW social worker free of charge to members. Lectures and referrals. Monthly meetings and socials.

Security: All member files are strictly confidential. Prospective members must sign a pledge of confidentiality.

IOWA

CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE: See 'Helping Professional' listings

IOTA ALPHA CHAPTER, TRI ESS: Iowa Artistry, Box 75, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406.

Nature: Heterosexual crossdressers' support group for TVs and their families.

Services: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA.

Services: Inquire.

WISCONSIN

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM: See 'Helping Professional' listings

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH: See 'Helping Professional' listings

MINNESOTA

MINNESOTA FREEDOM OF GENDER EXPRESSION: MFGE, Box 17945, St. Paul, MN 55117.

Nature: An open service and peer support group for trans-gender persons, their significant others, and interested persons.

Services: Newsletter, peer support, services listings for members.

Security: Interview required, confidential membership listings used for newsletter and related organizational mailings only.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM: See 'Helping Professional' listings

CITY OF LAKES CROSSGENDER COMMUNITY (CLCC): Box 16265, Minneapolis, MN 55416. (612) 933-5288.

Nature: Monthly meetings. The group's purpose is to provide a comfortable social setting for cross-dressers to meet like-minded folks. We are a non-sexual group when together; however, personal orientation is not considered when newcomers apply to join us.

Security: A personal interview before coming to the first party.

NORTH DAKOTA
SOUTH DAKOTA
MONTANA

ILLINOIS

CHI CHAPTER - TRI ESS: Box 40, Wooddale, IL 60191-0040. Hot Line: 708-364-9514

Nature: Chicago Chapter of the Society for the Second Self, a non-profit organization for heterosexual crossdressers.

Services: Social activities, a support group for wives and girlfriends, a help line, newsletter, library, speakers bureau, and co-sponsor of "Be All You Want To Be" weekend. Meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month, annual family picnic, Awards Banquet, Christmas Party.

Security: Inquire.

THE SUNDAY SOCIETY: The Sunday Society, P.O. Box 47056, Chicago, IL 60647 (312) 252-7024 Sheila L. Sampognaro or Louise L. Raeder

Nature: Non-profit transsexual outreach and support organization.

Services: Meetings the 3rd Sunday of each month 6-8 p.m. Monthly newsletter "Trans-World Bulletin" (subs. $20.00 per year). Computer bulletin board "The Sunday Society US TOO BBS" 7 nights a week from 10:00pm to 12:00am or by request. 2400, 1200, or 300 baud, 8-N-1 color, mono, or no graphics.

Security: Telephone interview required to attend meetings.

CHICAGO GENDER SOCIETY: CGS, Box 578005, Chicago, IL 60657. (312) 434-5445

Nature: Non-profit social and educational support group for TVs, TSs, their significant others, and supportive friends.

Services: Professional referrals, business and social events several times a month, annual Miss CGS Pageant, picnics, mail forwarding, monthly newsletter.

Security: Inquire.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS GENDER ASSOCIATION (CIGA): CIGA, P.O. Box 126, Washington, IL 61571 Contact: JoAnn (309) 444-9918

Nature: CIGA is a non-profit, non-sexual association emphasizing support for the male-to-female and female-to-male TV and TS and their significant others. Significant others are encouraged to participate in our outreach program as well as monthly social events.

Services: Information on specific areas of gender dysphoria is available to members through our library system. Speakers may be provided to the general public on some subjects. Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Sunday - no charge. $20 annual dues includes the monthly newsletter.

Security: All members have pledged confidentiality. Interview required.

MISSOURI

ST LOUIS GATEWAY FEMMES: SLGF, P.O. Box 9433, St. Louis, MO 63117.

Nature: A social/support group for the TV/TS Community and interested professionals. Provides members the opportunity to dress at meetings, share experiences, improve feminine abilities, and give each other the support we all need. Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each even numbered month.

Services: A bi-monthly newsletter, the Gateway Femmes Gazette, club business cards, and a membership directory

KANSAS

CROSSDRESSERS AND FRIENDS: c/o Randi Campbell, Box 4092, Overland Park, KS 66204.

Nature: Support for crossdressers and friends.

Services: Inquire.

Security: Inquire.

GENDER DYSPHORIA SUPPORT: Gender Dysphoria Support, P.O. Box 15561, Shawnee Mission, KS 66215 (913) 371-0658 Anne Ogborn, Facilitator

Nature: Social/support group for people who are in transition, or have changed gender.

Services: Provides peer group support for people in and post transition, and their significant others. Dedicated to providing services to F-M's and M-F's equally. Open to people of all sexual orientations. Meet Friday evenings.

Security: Contact Anne

WICHITA TRANSGENDER ALLIANCE: Wichita Transgender Alliance, P.o. Box 315, Kechi, KS 67067

Nature: Non-sexual peer support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, their spouses, and significant others.

Services: Monthly meetings (currently the 3rd Friday of the month) at a local church; a small donation is requested but not required. We provide mutual support, social get-togethers, and referrals to sympathetic helping professionals, electrologists, retailers, etc.

Security: A chat with an officer of the Alliance to ensure that you'd benefit from membership; privacy is assured.

NEBRASKA

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE: PO Box 680, Council Bluffs, IA 51502-0680.

Nature: Non-profit educational, support, and social group for TVs, TSs, and significant others.

Services: We currently have about 80 members, meets every other month on the even numbered months in Omaha, and have a newsletter "The Transformer". We network with other groups and sisters. We work with local helping professionals, perform outreach, and maintain files of educational and resource material including listings of local services.

Security: Inquire.

RHO CHI RHO CHAPTER - TRI ESS: Rho Chi Rho, Box 24060, Omaha, NB 68124-0060

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services/Security: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA.

ARKANSAS

LOUISIANA

TRI DELTA CHI, TRI ESS: Tri Delta Chi, Box 870213, New Orleans, LA 70187-1300

Nature: New Orleans chapter of the Society for the Second Self serving members in southeast Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and northwest Florida. We are in the growing stage and are publishing newsletters and holding meetings on a sporadic basis. This is an organization for heterosexual crossdressers and their wives/S.O.'s, and is primarily a "social" support group.

Services: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA.

Security: Mailing list for newsletter is open, for a fee of $5.00 yearly. Attendance at meetings and functions requires screening by Board.

UNITED TRANSSEXUAL AND TV SUPPORT GROUP: Barbara, 54 Pine Road Dr., Lacombe, LA 70445.

OKLAHOMA

CROSS DRESSERS INTERNATIONAL (C.D.I.): C.D.I., c/o Ms Gwen Pete, P.O. Box 50192, Tulsa, OK 74104 (918) 582-6643/ 835-5334

Nature: Social organization and support group welcomes TV's, TS's, and interested parties. No one excluded for sex or sexual preference.

Services: Get-togethers every other Saturday and someone is generally available for telephone contact 7 days a week. We listen, talk, and offer support for all phases of transgenderism.

Security: Confidentiality is assured and expected.

TEXAS

DELTA OMEGA CHAPTER - TRI ESS: Delta Omega, P.O. Box 1021, Arlington, TX 76004-1021 Hotline: Metro 817-261-3253 ("live" Wednesday 7-11 pm, otherwise answering machine)

Nature: Social, for heterosexual TVs and their significant others. Serving the transgender community of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Services: Social activities; publish The Texas Rose newsletter.

Security: Membership and attendance requires an interview with a chapter officer.

GULF COAST TRANSVESTITE CHAPTER: GCTC, P.O. ox 90335, Houston, TX 77090

Nature: Social support group for CDs, TSs, and SOs.

Services: Inquire

Security: Inquire

TAU CHI CHAPTER - TRI ESS: Tau Chi, Box 1105, Alief, TX 77411-1105

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA.

Security: Membership and attendance requires an interview with the chapter president.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM FOR TRANSSEXUALS: See 'Helping Professional' listings

BOULTON AND PARK SOCIETY: Box 169652, San Antonio, TX 78280-3252. Hotline: 512-657-2540

Nature: open, non-profit, non-sexual. Social and peer support plus local information for transsexual, transvestic, and transgendered folks, their families and friends.

Services: Meetings, newsletter (Gender Euphoria), business directory, outreach to helping professionals, plus a national outreach program for individuals referred to us.

Services: You are expected to be mature enough to exist with others in social situations, exercising good manners and good sense in protecting the security and peace of mind of all. Before attending your first soiree you must meet with a designated member. If we aren't comfortable with you, you won't be invited to attend.

WOMEN ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSGENDERED SUPPORT (W.A.T.S.): Boulton & Park - W.A.T.S., P.O. Box 169652, San Antonio, TX 78280-3252 or, W.A.T.S., c/o Cynthia Phillips, P.O. Box 17, Bulverde, TX 78163

Nature: A women's support group devoted to the primary goal of exploring women's feelings, concerns, and attitudes about crossdressing. Affiliated with Boulton & Park.

Services: We meet 3:00 pm the 2nd Saturday of each month at the home of Cynthia Phillips. No fee.

Security: Inquire

HEART OF TEXAS GENDER ALLIANCE (HTGA): PO Box 17, Bulverde, TX 78163. Linda Phillips, President, (512) 438 7604.

Nature: A non-sexual support group for TV's, TS's, and their families and friends.

Services: Meetings at least once a month. Social activities. Outreach program.

Security: Interview required before attending.

COLORADO

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: See 'Helping Professional' listings

GENDER IDENTITY CENTER OF COLORADO, INC. (G.I.C.): Box 11563, 3715 32nd Avenue, Denver, CO 80211; 303-458-5378

Nature: A non-profit, tax-exempt, educational and affiliative organization designed to provide a public service to the community.

Services: G.I.C. provides information and education on the issues of cross-dressing and gender conflict through a library of books and journal articles, rap sessions, workshops and seminars, and guest speakers from various areas of the community. These areas include medical, legal, insurance, personal grooming, male and female appearance and behaviors, and other related matters. G.I.C. also provides a Speaker's Bureau and a 24-hour hotline.

DELTA CHAPTER TRI-ESS (Denver): P.O. Box 621681, Littleton, CO 80162

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual support / social group for heterosexual cross-dressers and their families.

Services: Monthly meetings and activities, monthly newsletter addressed to the issues of the cross-dresser and family. Established wives' network. Annual dues $15.00.

Security: Require an interview with chapter officer prior to meeting attendance.

WYOMING
IDAHO

UTAH

ALPHA RHO, SALT LAKE CITY CHAPTER, TRI-ESS: Alpha Provesta, Box 26711, Salt Lake City, UT 84126

Nature: Heterosexual crossdressers' support group for TVs and their families.

Services: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA.

Security: Inquire.

ARIZONA

A ROSE: A Rose, Box 4351, Scottsdale, AZ 85261.

Nature: A non-sexual support group for TVs, TSs, their wives, friends, and relatives.

Services: Social activities, meetings, educational programs. Publishes 'A Rose News' monthly newsletter.

Security: Inquire

ALPHA ZETA CHAPTER TRI-ESS: Alpha Zeta, Box 24459, Tempe, AZ 85285-4459.

Nature: A support group for heterosexual crossdressers, and their significant others.

Services: Social activities, monthly meetings. Publishes "The Cactus Flower' newsletter.

Security: Before attending, and interview with a chapter officer is required.

THE BUTTERFLY: Butterfly, PO Box 17776, Tucson, AZ 85731-7776.

Nature: A non-sexual social and support group for TV, TS, their spouses and relatives. Not a therapy group or a dating service.

Service: Social activities, educational programs. Publishes a monthly newsletter, "The Butterfly". Meetings held the second Saturday of each month.

Security: Mutual discretion and respect. Mailing list is confidential.

NEW MEXICO

CD/TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP: CD/TV/TS Support Group, P.O. Box 26800, Suite 314, Albuquerque, NM 87125

Nature: An unaffiliated open group offering support, acceptance, and understanding for crossdressers and their families.

Services: Meetings the 3rd Tuesday of every month (dressing not required). Anyone with an interest in crossdressing is welcome to attend.

Security: Insured via mutual discretion and respect.

FIESTA Chapter of Tri Ess: Fiesta, De Vargas Ctr, Suite G-451, Santa Fe, NM 87501-1498

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual cross-dressers and their significant others.

Services: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA.

NEVADA

JENNIFER & FRIENDS: Jennifer S. Samba, PO Box 1181, Reno, NV 89504

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

AMERICAN TRANSSEXUAL EDUCATION CENTER: A.T.E.C, 1626 N. Wilcox Avenue, Suite 584, Hollywood, CA 90028 (213) 469-4709 Amanda Silvestri, Director

Nature: A non-profit organization serving the transgender and transsexual community.

Services: Confidential and non-judgmental telephone crisis and personal counseling, referrals to support groups in your area, electrologists, medical and psychological help, speakers, and

a newsletter.

Security: Open

PHOENIX RISING: Phoenix Rising, c/o Kristen Dixon, PO Box 632852, San Diego, CA 92163-2852.

Nature: A support/social group for transsexuals in transition stages.

Services: Weekly meetings offering mutual support and friendship. Sharing resources, knowledge, and hope. No dues or fees required.

Security: Sponsorship by current member required. Inquire.

POLAR OPPOSITES: C/o Julien, 8721 Santa Monica Blvd, Box 11, West Hollywood, CA 90069 (213) 654-0735

Nature: A non-profit self-help support group for F-M's, M-F's, TS or TV, significant others, family, or trusted friends. Serving the Los Angeles area.

Services: Meetings the 1st Sunday afternoon of every month, 4-7 p.m. A drug-free, alcohol-free, and smoke-free environment in which to meet friends and socialize.

Security: Telephone screening required.

ALPHA CHAPTER TRI-ESS: (Los Angeles area.) Alpha Chapter, c/o Tri-Ess, P.O. Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

Nature: Social and support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA.

CROSSDRESSER HETEROSEXUAL INTERSOCIAL CLUB (CHIC): CHIC, Box 562, Duarte, CA 91009. Information/Speakers Bureau: 714-993-7142

Nature: CHIC is for heterosexual transvestites or crossdressers only, their wives, professional people (MDs, psychologists, teachers, etc.), and friends. We are a local Southern California organization. We offer support and friendship, and stress security and good manners.

Services: We sponsor meetings, parties, monthly dinners, and seminars on make-up, wigs, clothes, and other topics of interest. We publish a monthly newsletter (CHIC Clippings) and sponsor educational programs for the public. Meetings held 2nd Saturday night of each month.

Security: Meetings are closed except to members and approved guests. All guests must be screened and approved by two Board members and (if a home meeting) the hostess. Prospective members must apply with a written application, be interviewed by two members of the Membership Committee, and then approved by the Board of Directors. CHIC emphasizes strict security for all its members and guests.

THE VALLEY GIRLS: The Valley Girls, P.O. Box 944, Woodland Hills, CA 91365 818-762-7659

Nature: Informal non-profit support group for TVs and other cross-gendered individuals.

Services: Monthly meetings & socials, workshops, rap sessions. Publishes "Cross-Talk".

Security: Names and addresses used only for internal roster and club mailings; access only by club officers. All members are expected to honor all confidences placed in them by other members. Contact President for information about attending meetings.

FEMININE IMAGE: c/o Alicia M. Lichy, 5405 Arrow Hwy.-Suite 110, Montclair, CA 91763 (714) 931-1515.

Nature: TV/TS/TG social club offering support, problem solving and friendship regardless of your sexual preference or practices. Significant others and novices are most welcome.

Services: Meetings held on the 1st Saturday of each month in a private meeting room at ALICIA'S FASHIONS.

Security: Interview with Alicia or Barbara, "Best of Both Worlds", required, and your confidentiality is guaranteed.

NEUTRAL CORNER: Neutral Corner, Box 12581, San Diego, CA 92112. TV/TS information line 236-1586

Nature: A self-help group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their families. Its purpose is to help its members live a normal and productive life.

Services: Serving San Diego County with social and educational programs, a communication network, monthly meetings, membership consulting, wives' and families' input, a buyer's guide, and a list of helping professionals.

Security: Inquire.

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE: See 'Helping Professional' listings

IOTA EPSILON ("INLAND EMPIRE"): Address invalid 5/14/91.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA

Security: Inquire

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.: See 'Helping Professional' listings

J2CP INFORMATION SERVICES: See 'Library' listings

OMEGA CHI TRI-ESS (Orange County, CA): Omega Chi, Box 9091, Anaheim, CA 92802.

Nature: social support group for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services/Security: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA.

POWDER PUFFS OF ORANGE COUNTY (PPOC): PPOC, P.O. Box 9091, Anaheim, CA 92812 Hotline: (714) 779-9013 weekdays 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Nature: Open non-sexual social club for crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Security: Interview by club officer.

TRI-CHI: Tri-Chi, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275.

Nature: Social and support group for crossdressers and their significant others.

Security/Services: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA

SOCIETY FOR THE SECOND SELF: Carol Beecroft, Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

Nature: Tri-Ess is a non-profit organization exclusively for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: Tri Ess provides a correspondence directory, a directory of commercial services, a magazine (the Femme Mirror), and chapters throughout the US.

Security: Membership in Tri Ess is open to heterosexual TVs only. Membership and attendance at a local chapter meeting requires an interview with the chapter president or older member to insure that the applicant is heterosexual and will comply with the Tri Ess code of conduct.

GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: GCA, c/o Ms. Tauria Linala, P.O. Box 6333, Santa Maria, CA 93456; 805-922-1309 (9am - 5pm PST Mon - Thurs)

Nature: GCA is a non-profit educational project established to provide services by and for the Gender Community. Open to all. Also a professional medical, psychological and legal services co-op (see 'Professional Health Services'), and utilizes its own computer bulletin board system, Searchlight of San Luis Obispo (see 'Computer Bulletin Boards').

Services: Local support group serving Central California. Information, referrals, support and peer counseling. Gender and sex information; referrals for medical and professional support, personal care, correspondence and peer-linking. International contacts. Peer counselling by telephone and/or appointment. Donations and contributions are welcome and tax-deductible.

Security: Confidential and non-judgmental.

ANDROGYNY: Rachel Irving, PO Box 480740, Los Angeles, CA 90048; (213) 467 8317 ask for Shirley or Sheila, (213) 856 4867 ask for Rachel. Please mention that you are calling about Androgyny. Call between 9:00am and 9:00pm Pacific time.

Nature: Social and support group for those who crossdress.

Services: Meet on Tuesday nights from 8:00pm until 10:00pm in Santa Monica, CA.

CD SOCIAL GROUP: PO Box 224, Montrose, CA 91021.

Nature: A group free of politics with never a dull moment. Write for more information.

SIGMA CHI CHAPTER OF TRI-ESS: Janyne, PO Box 291, Monrovia, CA 91017

Nature: We support the heterosexual crossdresser and the significant others in their lives by providing friendship, safety, and information.

Service: We have a place to meet where you can be yourself and enjoy the company of others.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

EDUCATIONAL TV CHANNEL (ETVC): ETVC, P.O. Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101 Hotline: 415-763-3959 (if no answer call Telzey at 415-849-4112)

Nature: ETVC is a delightful group of TVs, TSs, Significant Others, and friends. It is intended as a social and educational group, to meet and to have a good time as

well as educate the public. ETVC is non-sexual, and has an open membership policy with over 400 members.

Services: ETVC publishes the ETVC Newsletter, and provides a full program of educational and social activities and referrals.

Security: The mailing and membership lists are confidential. Only the officers are permitted access to these lists, except in the case of judicial process. No member shall reveal the true name, address, telephone number, or profession of another member to anyone, except with the other members' express permission.

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS SUPPORT: SOS, c/o ETVC, Box 6486, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Nature: Affiliated with ETVC. An educational and support organization for the "significant others" of crossdressers and transsexuals.

Services: Meetings and a newsletter.

Security: See ETVC.

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER: See 'Helping Professional' listings

GENDER IDENTITY ANONYMOUS: No mailing address available.

Nature: A non-judgmental transgender support group.

Services: Meetings every Thursday in the Science of Mind room at 3255 Balboa Street (near 34th Avenue), San Francisco.

FEMALE-TO-MALE: F_2M, 1827 Haight Street #164, San Francisco, CA 94117; 415-626-5824, ask for Lou.

Nature: Support group exclusively for female-to-male crossdressers, TSs, and their significant others.

Services: Inquire.

Security: Inquire.

GENDER ALTERNATIVES LEAGUE (GAL): c/o Cynthia Howard, P.O. Box 3392, Napa, CA 94558

Nature: A non-profit national activist organization for transgendered persons and their supporters. A "watchdog" organization for human rights violations and discrimination.

Services: Our goal is to support the gender community as a whole through educational and political activism. Works cooperatively with other minority groups such as the women's liberation movement and the gay community. Publishes 'The New Transgenderist'.

Security: All personal information is kept strictly confidential.

THE PACIFIC CENTER: See 'Helping Professional' listings

THURSDAY IRREGULARS: Address invalid 5/14/91.

Nature: For nearly 7 years a group of TVs and their friends have met every Thursday for lunch. An informal discussion group and meeting of good friends. Participants come as their "male" selves.

Security: The group is very security conscious, so inquire about requirements.

RAINBOW GENDER ASSOCIATION: Box 700730, San Jose, CA 95170

Nature: Formerly San Jose' Chapter, GGA. Non-profit, non-sexual social/support group for crossdressers, transsexuals, and their significant others regardless of their gender or sexual orientation.

Services: Our objective is to provide a safe and welcome place for male-to-female and female-to-male transsexuals, transvestites, and their significant others to get together with like-minded individuals. Attendance at all RGA functions is open to all regardless of gender. We also promote the complete development of RGA members as complete men and women through emotional support and education. We reach out to all transsexuals and transvestite in an effort to help them accept and make peace with themselves. We publish a newsletter and sponsor social programs, peer support, outreach work, and public education. Visitors are welcome.

FOCUS: FOCUS, c/o Stephen Roberts, P.O. Box 215354, Sacramento, CA 95821

Nature: A newsletter written by and for the female to male TS. Providing a place for fellow FTMs to share their feelings and experiences, and make new friends.

SOCIETY OF JANUS - SACRAMENTO GROUP: c/o Box 13852, Sacramento, CA 95838-3582

Nature: JANUS provides a forum on the erotic arts of S/M, dominance/submission (D/S), and bondage and discipline (B/D) in a supported and unloaded atmosphere. This is where people can share practical information and ideas, feelings, health and safety information, etc. JANUS offers education to the general public about the S/M community and to the S/M community about itself. All activities must be safe, sane, and consensual.

Services: Monthly program meetings feature guest speakers and general rap sessions. Member involvement is a vital part of the success of this group.

Security: All membership lists and mailings are kept in strictest confidence.

SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION: Address invalid 5/14/91.

Nature: SGA ia a non-sexual membership based organization serving the educational, social, and recreational needs of the gender-challenged community, their spouses, significant others, and professionals. Membership is open to all interested persons regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

Services: Monthly socials, support groups (TV/TS/SO), newsletter.

Security: All mailing and membership lists are kept confidential. Only certain officers have access.

HAWAII

HAWAII TRANSGENDERED OUTREACH (HTGO): 777 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 3114, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. Phone 923 4270. There is someone there to answer it on some mornings. We are now approved by the IRS as a tax-exempt corporation. Donations are now tax deductible.

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER: See 'Helping Professional' listings

OREGON

NORTHWEST GENDER ALLIANCE: NWGA, Box 4928, Portland, OR 97208.

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual social organization serving the crossdressing community.

Services: The Northwest Chapter has at least one function a month. The days vary in order to enable all of our girls to attend as often as possible. We also publish a monthly newsletter.

Security: Private interview with the chapter president.

CAPITOL CITY CHAPTER: Capitol City Chapter, P.O. Box 3312, Salem, OR 97302

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers, transsexuals, and significant others.

Services: Support rap sessions, social events, assistance available for wig, make-up, clothing and demeanor. Monthly meetings.

Security: Individuals will be screened prior to meeting with group.

SALMACIS: The Equalitarian Feminist Social Society, Box 1604, Eugene, OR 97440-1604. Sally Ann Douglas, Social Director; Leslie-Shawn Witham, hypnotherapist; 503-688-4282 (Sally Ann, 6-11 PM PST)

Nature: Salmacis is a social and service society devoted to the concept of feminism, supporting all those who are or desire to become women.

Services: Direct telephone counseling, contact with others with similar interests, contact with our central organization and other organizations, and personal growth workshops. Also publish Femmes Together and The Equalitarian Feminist. The Salmacis Social Society meets the 3rd Monday of every month, 8PM at the Riv, 39 W. 10th St., Eugene, OR.

SALISHON, The Womyn's Information Network: Box 1604, Eugene, OR 97440-1604; Leslie-Shawn Witham, Director.

Nature: A service and information network for womyn who perceive themselves living an alternative lifestyle.

Services: The only femininity clinic for males and she-males that is run by a staff of professional women.

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY: Box 31318, Seattle, WA 98103.

Nature: The Emerald City is a social, educational, non-profit, non-sexual organization serving the crossdressing community.

Services: Offers frequent social and educational events ranging from private to very public. Publishes a monthly newsletter. Provides speakers and materials to the media and to public institutions to promote the acceptance of crossdressing. Attempts to influence legislation in ways favorable to individual rights. Assists partners of crossdressers

in obtaining understanding and acceptance.

Security: Guests are welcome at monthly meetings and at other events when sponsored and escorted by a member. Prospective members must be sponsored by a member and axxepted by the Board. Confidentiality of member information is carefully maintained.

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER: See 'Helping Professional' listings

SEATTLE COUNSELLING SERVICE: See 'Helping Professional' listings

ALASKA

THE BERDACHE SOCIETY: c/o Kyndel Fay Mercedes, Box 200324, Anchorage, AK 99520. Nora Jean York, Co-founder

Nature: A non-profit, non-sexual, social, educational, and referral organization serving the TV/TS community. Supports the concept that gender and sexual identity operate on separate but parallel continuum with unity of the individual and freedom of expression and growth our primary focus. (Sumus Quod Sumas)

Services: Publishes a monthly newsletter "Satin and Lace". Monthly meetings and social functions in a safe and supportive environment. Educational and personal growth programs. Wives and significant others support group. Mental health and medical referrals.

Security: All guests and members are expected to conduct themselves in a mature, responsible, and respectful manner. Membership is by committee after interview by chairperson or letter of referral. Anyone may receive the newsletter.

CANADA

ENTRE FEMME; QUEBEC TRANSSEXUAL ASSOCIATION INC.: Mme Viviane Belanger, 84, Boul. des Allies, Quebec, Canada G1L 1Y2 418-529-1152

Nature: French speaking transsexual support for both M-F and F-M.

Services: Monthly meetings, medical referrals, psychiatrists, psychologists, hormone therapy, and counselling service for parents of TS's.

Security: Private interview, after therapy group in the hospitals in Quebec City and Montreal.

FACT - QUEBEC: c/o Mrs. Patricia Fisher, Box 293, Cote de Neiges Post Office, 5858 Cote de Neiges Boulevard, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S6

Nature: Closely affiliated with FACT - Ontario. A non-profit support organization for transsexuals, their relatives and friends, professionals and para-professionals working in the field of gender dysphoria, and others prepared to support the aims of the Foundation.

Services: Information distribution concerning transsexualism. Offers peer support and peer counseling. Organizes support groups across Canada wherever these are feasible and has area representatives wherever possible. Provides speakers on transsexualism to the mass media and others.

Security: Inquire.

FACTT - OTTAWA: Box 9155, Ottawa, ON, Canada K1G 3T9.

Nature: Support group primarily for transsexuals.

Services: Meetings monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Security: Contact FACTT president through the Ottawa Gayline (613) 238-1717. Arrange a time for a callback.

TRANSITION SUPPORT: c/o The Church Street Community Centre, 519 Church Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4Y 2C9

Nature: Transsexual support.

Services: Annual membership fee ($25.00 cdn) includes monthly meetings and 12-issue sub to Trans News newsletter. Newsletter subscription alone, $15.00. Meetings held at 7:30 PM on the second Friday of each month. Meetings are open to TVs, TSs, TGs, SOs, helping professionals, and interested, caring members of the general public.

Security: None; inquire for details.

STREET OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS): 622 Yonge St, 2nd Fl, Toronto, ON M4Y 1Z8 CANADA (416) 926-0744 (24 hours)

Nature: Non-profit Anglican Houses program specifically designed to address the needs of youth, aged 16-24 years engaged in, or drifting towards, the lifestyle of prostitution.

Services: Drop-in center (M-F 9:30 am - 5:30 pm), rap groups, legal, medical and welfare consultants, street and office work with youth, AIDS program, one-to-one workers, 24-hour crisis line.

GENDER MOSAIC (formerly Nu Omicron Phi): Gender Mosaic, P.O. Box 7421, (Ottawa) Vanier, Ontario, Canada K1L 8E4 (613) 749 5203.

Nature: Social support group for transgendered people and their significant others.

Services: Phone line, bi-monthly newsletter, pamphlet, and socials.

Security: Private interview with a qualified member.

THE TRANSIE TIMES: T.T.T., 566 Parliament St, Toronto, ON M4X 1P8 Canada

Nature: A monthly tabloid dedicated to transvestites and their followers.

MONARCH SOCIAL CLUB: M.S.C., Box 579, Agincourt, ON M1S 3C6 CANADA

Nature: Non-profit non-sexual social organization serving TV's and TS's, their spouses, and friends.

Services: Private and public functions, a correspondence and peer linking service for members. Publishes the quarterly Monarch magazine. Sponsors the annual Mardi Gras Weekend outing the last weekend in August (Owen Sound).

Security: By member referral or filling in a club questionnaire application form. Inquiries welcome.

PHI SIGMA - TRI ESS: c/o Sara Geddis, Box 2546, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada T1A 8G8.

Nature: Social support group for heterosexual crossdressers and their significant others.

Services: See "Society for the Second Self", Tulare, CA

Security: Inquire

CORNBURY SOCIETY: Cornbury Society, Box 3745, Vancouver, BC V6B 3Z1 CANADA

Nature: Non-sexual support group for heterosexual crossdressers.

Services/Security: Inquire for meeting times and locations, and security requirements.

GENDER MOSAIC: Niki Ross, PO Box 7421, Vanier (OTTAWA), ONT., K1L-8E4

Nature: Crossdressing support group.

CHRYSALLIS: Chrysallis, Box 30, 12 Water St., Kitchener, Ontario, N2H 5A5

Nature: Support group.

Services: Regular meeting on the third Friday of every month at 298 Frederick, Kitchener, from 7:00pm till 10:00pm.P

ENGLAND

BEAUMONT SOCIETY: BM, Box 3084, London WC1N-3XX England.

Nature: Beaumont is a non-profit, non-sexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Great Britain.

Services: Evening and weekend functions, counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Two bi-monthly magazines: The Beaumont Bulletin, which contains editorial notices, personal ads, a shopping guide, regional news, and articles on related matters; also Beaumag, which contains fictional, biographical, and autobiographical stories. Beaumont provides a library, legal advice, and a liaison and referral service to other organizations. Beaumont has a network of organizations throughout Great Britain, and affiliations worldwide.

Security: Private interview with a qualified member.

WOMEN OF THE BEAUMONT SOCIETY: BM W.O.B.S., Box 3084, London 2C1N-3XX England

Nature: A wives, partners and families support group for those who find the transvestite behavior difficult to understand.

Services: A confidential support service.

Security: Confidentiality assured.

THE BM PARTNERS GROUP: BM, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

Nature: A support group for partners and families of transsexuals.

Services: A confidential support network by which people with similar problems can be put in touch with each other and given sympathetic help.

Security: Inquire

SEAHORSE SOCIETY: BM Seahorse, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

Nature: A social organization for transvestites and transsexuals.

Services: Regular newsletter, social events, etc.

Security: Confidentiality assured.

BEAUMONT TRUST: BM Charity, Box 6093, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

Nature: Registered charity and voluntary body funded by donations.

Services: Assists those directly troubled by gender dysphoria or interested in their care. Provides referrals to appropriate organizations, professional counsellors, self-help groups, etc. Assists the gender dysphoric person and his or her family to come to terms with the problem.

Security: Inquire.

TV/TS SUPPORT GROUP: The TV/TS Group, 2 French Place, Shoreditch, London ENGLAND E1 6JB (off Bateman's Row) Telephone Helpline: 071-729-1466. Hours: 8-10 PM Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Nature: Support/social Group for TV's, TS's, families and friends. Registered Charity # 295376; member of the National Council of Voluntary Organizations (NCVO).

Services: Peer support for CD's, TS's, wives and partners. Publishes 'The Glad Rag' and other useful and informational publications. Meetings Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Comfortable lounge, refreshments, social areas, storage lockers, dressing room.

Security: Open meetings, but VERY conscious of the need for individual security. All that is asked is a name to call you by.

PARTNERS' SUPPORT GROUP (TV/TS/ SUPPORT): 081-204-4187 most days between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Nature: Special telephone helpline for WOMEN (wives, mothers, etc.)

Security: See above

THE GENDER DYSPHORIA TRUST (Formerly SHAFT): The Gender Dysphoria Trust, B.M. Box No. 7624, London WC1N 3XX ENGLAND

Nature: A selfhelp group for those who consider themselves to be transsexual.

Services: Bi-monthly newsletter, handbook, and other relevant material. Annual subscription. Confidential contact system for members.

Security: Confidentiality assured.

NEW TRANSESSEX: P.O. Box 3, Basildon, Essex, England SS14 1PT; 0268-583761 evenings 7:00 - 10:30 PM.

Nature: TV/TS social club.

Services: Meetings 2nd Friday of every month at the Kavorah Manor. There is a Club newsletter ("Narcissus") and a help line.

Security: Inquire

MERSEYSIDE TV/TS GROUP: 14 Colquitt Street, Liverpool, England L1 4DE; 051-708-0234. D. S. Cochran, secretary.

Nature: See "Beaumont society".

GENDER TRANSIENT AFFINITY (Isle of Wight): GTA, c/o Miss Phaedra Kelley, Box 2, 1 Bank Buildings, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, P040 9AJ, UK of GB

Nature: A non-profit organization dedicated to helping any transgendered person in any way possible.

Services: A network of friends communicating by mail. A "Global Village" project which is a collection of groups and organizations from around the world. Designed to "cement the bond of mutual respect and affinity among us", publishing news from around the world, travel routes between countries, etc. There is a museum and library.

THE NORTHERN CONCORD (Manchester): Jenny Baker, The Northern Concord, P.O. Box 258, Manchester, M60 1LN ENGLAND

Nature: A non-profit social and support group for transvestites, transsexuals, their wives and significant others. Associated with the Beaumont Society, and the TV/TS Support Group.

Services: Meetings at a Bistro in Manchester city every Wednesday night from 7:00 - 12:00. Publishes a quarterly magazine "Cross Talk".

Security: Inquire

ROSE'S: P.O. Box 339, Sheffield S1 3SX ENGLAND 0742-342870

Nature: A private house offering comprehensive facilities to help all who love 'dressing' - not only those who cross-dress, but their wives and girlfriends and other ladies who love 'dressing up'.

Services: Regular social evenings and parties, visits and accommodation at other times by arrangement. Quarterly publication 'Repartee'.

Security: Full confidentiality assured.

SCOTLAND

THE SCOTTISH TV/TS GROUP: c/o Julie Bradshaw, 53/6 Bread Street, Edinburgh EH3 9AH. Tel. 031 - 228-2231

Nature: Non-profit nonsexual TV/TS Support Group.

Services: Publish The Tartan Skirt, a bi-monthly collection of original articles and gleanings from the media.

Security: Open meetings on the last Saturday of every month in private rooms in Edinburgh. Very conscious of the need for individual security.

IRELAND

BELFAST TV/TS GROUP: Cara, Friend, P.O. Box 44, Belfast BT1 1SH IRELAND phone Belfast 322 023 on evening of meeting.

Nature: Social support group for TVs, TSs, friends, mostly tea & chat.

Services: Meetings in Belfast on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7:45 - 10:00.

Security: Call first.

FRANCE

ASSOCIATION BEAUMONT CONTINENTALE: Gaby Linsig, 2 Rue des Charpentiers, 68270 Wittenheim, France.

Nature: See "Beaumont Society" in the England listings.

SWITZERLAND

KONTAKTFORUM FEMME TRAVESTIE: 8023 Zurich, Switzerland Postfach 6788.

Nature: Very active social group in Switzerland. Other details are unavailable at this time.

DENMARK

F.P.E. NORTHERN EUROPE: M.A. Postboks 192 DK2600, Glostrup, Denmark. (Do not put F.P.E. on the envelope.)

Nature: See "Beaumont Society" in the England listings.

GERMANY

TRANSIDENTITAS: Transidentitas, Menschen Mit Abweichender Geschlects Identitat, Postfach 10 10 46, 6050 Offenbach GERMANY Phone: 069 8001008

Nature: Support group for transvestites and transsexuals.

Services: Inquire

TV CLUB HAMBURG: Postfach 26 14 26, 2000 Hamburg 26 GERMANY Phone: 040.250.13.13 (Christel Grunwald)

Nature: Inquire

Services: Inquire

NORWAY

F.P.E. (Northern Europe): FPE-NE, Postboks 1968 Vika, N 0125 Oslo 1 NORWAY

Nature: A non-profit, nonsexual organization for heterosexual transvestites throughout Scandinavia with independent governed regions in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway.

Services: Monthly meetings, and twice a year weekend functions. Counselling for TVs with problems, and a contact system for members. Publishes 'Feminform', an informative quarterly publication. A private library for members.

Security: Private interview with qualified member.

SWEDEN

F.P.E. (SWEDEN): Anette Hall, Box 728, S 101 30 Stockholm, SWEDEN

Nature: See 'F.P.E. Northern Europe'.

Services: Publishes 'Feminform', the magazine for FPE-NE. Weekend meetings in Stockholm, and throughout Sweden.

Security: Private interview with qualified member.

JAPAN

ELIZABETH CLUB: Tsutsui building 5F 2-8-4, Suada-Cho, Kanda, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101, Japan.

Nature: The Elizabeth Club was established in 1979 for transsexuals, androgynes, and transgenderists. We are located in major centers such as Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya.

Services: We offer storage facilities for our members. We also have consultants available for helping members with makeup and dressing. There is a rental service of clothing, wigs, and other related items for members. The Club (through Ant Trading Co., listed below) also publishes a magazine called "Queen" every

other month. This magazine serves as a source of information to members on activities and events in Japan.

ANT TRADING COMPANY: Ant Building 2F 5-32-18 Kameido, Koto-ku, Tokyo 136, Japan

Nature: Publisher of "Queen" Magazine, Japan's premier cross-dresser's reference guide. Single-copy and subscription prices unknown at press time.

AUSTRALIA

THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES - SYDNEY: The Secretary, Box 146, Ulladulla, New South Wales 2538, Australia..

Nature: The Seahorse Society is a non-profit social organization for transvestites and families. The Society is a member in good standing of the Association of Self-Help Organizations and Groups, 39 Darghan Street, Glebe 2037, N.S.W., Australia. Seahorse welcomes new members and overseas visitors, offering support to those of us unable to emerge by means of affiliate membership.

Services: Seahorse distributes information on shopping, coming events, and being femme through a monthly newsletter to members. Meetings provide friendship, beauty assistance, and help with related matters.

Security: Seahorse places strong emphasis on security for all members and requires screening of prospective members before attending meetings. However, no screening is required of affiliate members (who are not advised of meeting places) unless they wish to become full members. Overseas members are screened in the same way; overseas visitors must either be screened or have accreditation from a similar (Beaumont, Tiffany, etc.) organization.

SEAHORSE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND: Denyse Stewart, PO Box 386, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Australia. Complete details of activities not yet available

THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES - GLEBE: c/o Bernadette Cross, Box 168, Westgate, N.S.W., 2048.

Nature: See Seahorse - Sydney, above.

Services: Likewise refer to Seahorse - Sydney.

Security: Inquire.

THE SEAHORSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA: SSV, c/o GPO Box 2337V, Melbourne, VICTORIA, Australia. Jan Baxter, President.

Nature: The largest continuously active club in Australia. A non-profit, non-sexual social/support organization for crossdressers and their families.

Services: SSV regularly publishes the Seahorse Victoria newsletter. We sponsor social activities, outings, and related events.

Security: Inquire.

CAROUSEL CLUB: c/o Linda Allen, Box 721, Couandilla, South Australia 5033

Nature: A new group dedicated to the welfare of others like ourselves.

Services: Unknown at press time.

Security: Unknown at press time.

THE ELAINE BARRIE PROJECT: EBP, Box 405, Altona, Victoria 3018, Australia; tele 369-2613.

Nature: A non-profit self-help group for TVs and TSs. Self-funding and self-supporting.

Services: Regular monthly social meetings and education projects throughout the year. A large reading and video sex education library with emphasis on genuine TV- and TS-related issues. Guest speakers. Publish the Nu-Scene newsletter.

Security: Almost anyone over the age of 18 (TV, TS, helping professional, families, friends, and significant others) is welcome. One factor takes precedence over all others: that the visitor or member behaves in a civilized manner and bears us no ill will.

NEW ZEALAND

HEDESTHIA: Hedesthia Central, Box 78-026, Grey Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand.

Nature: Affiliated with the Beaumont Society.

THE MINORITIES TRUST & TRANSCARE / NEW ZEALAND: c/o The Minorities Trust, Box 2983, Wellington, NZ. Telephone: Wgtn (04) 844-764; (work) 737-800 ext 8642 Miss Leone Jeanne Neil

Nature: A low profile, high powered lobby group promoting the rights of transpeople. A confidential, culturally divergent community support group helping meet the social and emotional needs of Transpeople.

Services: Personal counselling, employment opportunities, professional and medical referrals, periodical publications, and a non-threatening social environment for functions and entertainment.

Security: Call or write and enquire.

SOUTH AFRICA

THE PHOENIX SOCIETY: Box 375, Parow, 7500, Cape Town, Republic of South Africa. Marlene Knoetze, President

Nature: The Phoenix Society is a non-profit, non-sexual social organization. All transpeople, whatever their race, politics, religion, colour, sexual orientation or nationality, together with those closely associated with them are welcome.

Services: Publishes Fanfare magazine, actively trying to change attitudes in South Africa. Creating support groups in all major cities. Provides contacts.

Security: New members are "sponsored" by full members. All lists are confidential.

PROFESSIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

(IFGE does not guarantee the quality of the individuals and services listed.)

PEOPLE SYSTEMS POTENTIAL: Niela Miller, MS ED, LCSW (508) 264-4565

Services: Counseling for crossdressers, gender confused persons, partners, family members. Also, workshops on personal development.

PROGRAM IN HUMAN SEXUALITY: Program in Human Sexuality, FMC Bldg., 1300 South Second St., Minneapolis, MN 55454 (612) 625 1500.

DENNIS PEARNE, ED.D.: Consultations: 9 Alexander Ave, Belmont Ctr, MA 02178 Mailing: Dennis Pearne, ED.D., 133 Grove St. Watertown, MA 02172 Office: (617) 484-0013

Nature: Clinical psychologist

THESEUS COUNSELING SERVICES: Ari Kane M.Ed., Box 368 Kenmore Sta., Boston, MA 02215 (617) 277-3454 F.C.C., 233 Harvard St., Brookline, MA 02146 (617) 277-4360. Includes weekend retreats for couples to investigate the dimensions of gender (as opposed to sex) roles.

Nature: Gender specialist

CHESHIRE COUNSELING ASSOCIATES: 104 Cross St., Keene, NH 03431 (603) 357-5544 Ken DeVoid, Ed.D.

Nature: Transvestite, transsexual, & gender identity counseling.

Services: Individual consultation and counseling in confidential setting, support group. Weekend and evening appointments available.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC OF NEW ENGLAND: GICNE, 68 Adelaide Road, Manchester, CT 06040. The Reverend Clinton R. Jones, Director; 203-646-8651.

Service: Provides screening for pre-operative TS applicants desirous of hormone therapy. Also provides screening for sex reassignment surgery approval for pre-operative TSs who have met the requirements of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association's Standards of Care.

METAMORPHOSIS: Box 6245, Broadway Station, Long Island City, NY 11106, 718-728-4615.

Nature: Psychotherapy and counselling for persons with gender identity/expression related problems.

ANDROGYNY UNLIMITED: Box 4887, Poughkeepsie, NY 12602, 914-462-7455. Roger E. Peo PhD, Director.

Nature: A private service providing counselling, research, education, and supporting services.

Services: Individual counselling is provided by Dr. Peo, a Board-certified sexologist. Counselling is primarily for the transvestite/ crossdresser and/or his significant other. Counselling is also provided for persons who are trying to determine if they are crossdressers or transsexuals. Referrals are made where appropriate. Make-up and shopping services for clients are also available. Classes, seminars, and workshops on transgender issues and human sexuality are provided both for college and graduate-level students and other groups. Ongoing research is conducted on a variety of topics in the transgender

field.

Security: Appointments for counselling can be made by phoning or writing Dr. Peo at the above address.

PERSAD CENTER, INC.: 5100 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15224-1616 (412) 441-0857 Randal G. Forrester, James Huggins

Nature: Mental health services for the gender conflicted and their significant others.

Services: Individual therapy, support group, evaluation and treatment for transsexualism including: gender identity team which provides initial and on-going evaluation, hormonal therapy, and sex-reassignment therapy.

SEXOLOGY ASSOCIATES, INC.: H. Martin Malin, PhD, 4835 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Nature: Counselling for transgendered persons.

CENTER FOR GENDER REASSIGNMENT: Deborah M. Gilbert, R.N., Coordinator, 400 W. Brambleton Avenue, Suite 300, Norfolk, VA 23510. (804) 622-9900.

Nature: Intake and evaluation center for persons seeking permanent gender reassignment and SRS.

Services: A carefully prepared gender transition program which meets or exceeds all aspects of the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care for transsexually inclined persons.

Security: Applicants to this program are subjected to a thorough screening by a highly qualified staff of medical and gender professionals. An 18-month period of successful cross-living and a minimum of six months' hormone therapy is required prior to consideration for surgery.

CENTRAL IOWA GENDER INSTITUTE: C.I.G.I., Susan McIntyre, MSW ACSW, P.O. Box 12006, Des Moines, IA 50412 (515) 277-7754

Nature: C.I.G.I. offers professional and confidential counseling and supportive services to CD's, TS's, AN's, and others with gender related issues. Emphasizes fulfillment of each individual's potential.

Services: Individual and couple counseling, family therapy, educational services, referrals, resource listings/tapes, rap groups, grooming help, makeup tips. Advocacy and other gender related services available as necessary or requested.

Security: Emphasizes confidentiality, and respect.

MILWAUKEE TRANSGENDER PROGRAM: Milwaukee Transgender Program, Pathways Counseling Center, 6815 West Capitol Dr., Suite 310, Milwaukee, WI 53216 414-466-6040 Gretchen M. Fincke, MSSW, Dir.

Nature: A therapy program for M-F and F-M transsexuals.

Services: A complete program of emotional support, evaluation and re-assignment hormone therapies and sexual re-assignment surgeries.

INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH: 5594 North Hollywood Ave., Suite 204, Whitefish Bay, WI 53217 (414) 332-1880 Charles A. Kiley, MSW, ACSW

Nature: Gender clinic for persons in transition, counseling for compulsive sexual behavior including fetishistic transvestism.

Services: Thorough evaluation, emotional support, hormonal and surgical reassignment services.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM - UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA: Eli Coleman, Ph.D., Program in Human Sexuality, 2630 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414. (612) 627-4360 (Located in the Research East Building, 2630 University Ave SE.)

Nature: A professionally managed gender program based on the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association Standards of Care. Administered by the University's Department of Family Practice and Community Health.

Services: Presently treats about 250 gender dysphoric clients. The program provides intake screening, diagnosis, alternative options and pre-surgery issues counselling, family and children's services, physical health care, and related assistance in a fully professional environment. The Program offers support and psychological services for families and children of gender dysphoric people as well.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM FOR TRANSSEXUALS: Alice Webb, MSW, CSW-ACP, 1917 Broadway, Suite 2, Galveston, TX 77550

Nature: Psychotherapy (individual & couple for both TS & TV), group meetings (not necessary to be in treatment to attend), referrals for hormones (must be in treatment), electrolysis, speech, legal services and SRS. Strict adherence to Harry Benjamin Standards.

Services: Group meetings are held 1st Saturday of each month, 8:00 pm. No fee. Long distance calls returned collect. No night calls. Primarily for persons self identifying as transsexuals.

Security: Must meet Ms Webb.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: Tomye Kelley, MA, 8972 Oberon Rd, Arvada, CO 80004 (303) 420-9885.

Nature: Practice limited to work with crossdressers, the gender conflicted, and their significant others.

Services: Private one-on-one psychotherapy, weekly support groups, process groups for those in or preparing for transition. Also a professional Speaker's Forum.

GENDER IDENTITY COMMITTEE: Department of Psychiatry, University of Utah, College of Medicine, 50 North Medical Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84132; 801-581-7951. Dr. Nyla J. Cole, MD.

Services: Details not available at this time.

ROXANNE CHERRY, M.A.: Roxanne Cherry, M.A., 937 W. Foothill Blvd., Suite F, Claremont, CA 91711 (213) 202-1820 (714) 624-6539

Nature: Licensed marriage family child therapist

Services: Individual, couple, group psychotherapy, gender dysphoria, sexual orientation issues.

THE PRINCE INSTITUTE: The Prince Institute, P.O. Box 2916, Palm Springs, CA 92263 Angela Prince, Ph.D. Director

Nature: A private transgender awareness center offering counselling, education, and support services.

Services: Individual and/or group counselling primarily for the crossdresser/transvestite and/or his significant other. Transgender, human sexuality, and personal development classes, seminars, and workshops are also available. Services may be conducted through office visits, by telephone, or correspondence.

Security: Total confidentiality.

GENDER DYSPHORIA PROGRAM OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.: 32158 Camino Capistrano, Suite 203, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 714-240-7020 Wm. G. Heard, Ph.D. Director

Nature: A comprehensive program for gender dysphoric persons. Our program is one of many options available. It is a composite of evaluative and treatment techniques developed over the years by the more successful programs, which permit extensive screening and interaction of the patient at minimum cost, integrating the patient into the mainstream of society.

Services: Our program is structured to permit the patient to explore alternatives to sex reassignment while providing an effective support mechanism during transition. Our program is a 4-block procedure consisting of intake, transition/support, surgery approval/disapproval, and follow-up.

GENDER COMMUNITY ADVOCATES: GCA, Ms Tauria Linala, P.O. Box 6333, Santa Maria, CA 93454 (805) 922-1309...voice (805) 549-0961...data

Nature: Professional medical, psychological, and legal services co-op. A full service gender program.

Services: Crisis intervention, peer counseling, intake, psychological therapy, referrals for hormones, socialization, and referrals for all medical procedures based on the Harry Benjamin Standards of Care.

GENDER & SELF ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM: Gender & Self Acceptance Program, P.O. Box 4447, San Francisco, CA 94101 (415) 558-8058 Joni E. Israel, Director

Nature: A private personal growth consultation program providing individual, couple, and small group sessions focusing on gender, self & social acceptance, whole-self integration, coming-out, crossdressing, HIV concerns, and ACA/Co-dependency issues.

Services: Short & long-term consultation, small group support and quarterly weekend workshops focusing on gender & acceptance/integration issues. Sliding scale. Serving TS's, TV's, and other minorities. Provide professional consultation & training.

TENDERLOIN SELF-HELP CENTER: 191 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 554-0518

Nature: We are an innova-

tive and non-traditional mental health program. We are a project of Central City Hospitality House.

Services: Training in peer counselling, support group facilitation, job training. We offer peer counselling, TV/TS support groups, A.A., shelter referrals and emergency medical care referrals, and other basic survival needs. We serve the 'Tenderloin' and 'South Of Market' communities of San Francisco.

HARRY BENJAMIN INTERNATIONAL GENDER DYSPHORIA ASSOCIATION: HBIGDA, address invalid 5/14/91.

Nature: A non-profit professional group with special interest in gender dysphoria syndrome.

THE PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH: Box 908, Berkeley, CA 94701; 415-548-8283. **Hot Line: 415-841-6224.** Allyana Guenther, Executive Director.

Nature: A private, non-profit agency funded by the United Way, county revenue sharing funds, sliding scale fees, and contributions. The Center is dedicated to providing high-quality services to sexual minorities of all ages, races, and backgrounds.

Services: Educational services and outreach to the community at large. Speaker's Bureau, counseling, and group meetings.

ANNE VITALE, Ph.D.: Anne Vitale, Ph.D., D Street Counseling Group, 610 D St., San Rafael, CA 94901 (415) 456-4452

Nature: Psychotherapist specializing in gender related issues.

Services: In private practice, but associated with other Bay Area gender professionals, and can provide complete pre- and post-op psychotherapy, and recommendation for hormonal therapy and/or sex reassignment surgery when applicable.

REBECCA AUGE, Ph.D: Rebecca Auge, Ph. D., 3637 Grand Ave., Suite C, Oakland, CA 94610 (415) 426 0718 or 835 9820

Nature: Clinical Psychologist working with patients on gender issues, gender dysphoria, cross-dressing, gender role transitions, couples issues, child abuse, and dysfunctional family histories, among others. Member of HBIGDA, uses Standards of Care, and a sliding fee scale.

SEXUAL IDENTITY CENTER: Box 3224, Honolulu, HI 96801-3224; 808-926-1000.

Services: Therapists, referrals, special support group for TVs and TSs.

THE INGERSOLL GENDER CENTER: 1812 East Madison, Seattle, WA 98122 (206) 329-6651

Nature: Ingersoll Gender Center is a non-profit counselling and referral service serving the transsexual community throughout the Northwest. It is managed by a professional board and has 8 experienced, licensed therapists with advanced degrees on contract. Ingersoll works closely with the Emerald City and Seattle Counseling Service.

Services: Individual and group counseling, professional consultation to service providers, referrals, research, and public information presentation. Weekly support meetings, public information presentations, research, and informational materials upon request.

SEATTLE COUNSELLING SERVICE: 1505 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122; 206-329-8707 noon to 9 pm weekdays Michael Auch, Executive Director

Nature: Seattle Counseling Service is the oldest counseling service for sexual minorities in the U.S. A United Way agency, SCS receives grants from state and local sources to provide counseling and therapy for the full range of problems related to sexual issues.

Services: SCS provides a weekly support group for TVs, TSs, significant others, in-betweens, and I-don't-knows every Friday from 8 to 10 pm. Facilities for dressing on-site. Also provides crisis line.

GENDERSERVE: Box 291 Station "A", Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8N 3C8. Susan C. Huxford, Director.

Nature: Counselling, education, and research services. Registered in Ontario as a proprietorship. Operating as a non-profit organization serving TVs, TSs, and gender dysphoric people in general, homosexual people, wives, friends, and relatives. Services for a nominal fee to cover expenses. Inquiries by mail or phone. No collect calls.

Services: Counselling in sexual matters for individuals and couples. Pastoral counselling if requested. Referrals. Initial counselling session (mail or phone) free of charge. Lectures, radio/television and other mass media interviews by arrangement. Group counselling and therapy by request.

GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: c/o Dr. Betty Steiner, Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, 250 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 1R8.

Nature: Accepts referrals through the patient's General Practitioner only.

JOHN TURNER MEMORIAL GENDER IDENTITY CLINIC: c/o Robin M. Mathy, M.A., 6330-1 E. Thomas Road Suite 210, Scottsdale, AZ 85251.

Nature: Counseling clinic led by transsexual sexologist to help patients explore the gender continuum and find the most appropriate niche(s).

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

THE JERSEY SHORE SYSTEM: Ocean County, NJ; 609-693-8849. 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service.

Services: Log on using the name APRIL MAY with the password of FRIENDS (all caps). This will get you into a sub-board of the main system. After you have logged on as above you may register the name of your choice for future access.

CD FORUM: UUCP electronic mail:
uunet!samsung!wizvax!cdforum-request
Internet electronic mail:
samsung!wizvax!cdforum-request@uunet.uu.net

Nature: An electronic mailing list.

Services: To share experiences about gender issues. This list is in Digest Format. An archive server with resources, movie/book lists, and fiction is available. Back issues are available. Electronic mail forwarding to members. To join, send electronic mail to Stephanie P. Gilgut at the above address. Your first contribution should include a brief bio. Contributions for publication should be sent by email to:
UUCP: **uunet!samsung!wizvax!cdforum**
Internet: **samsung!wizvax!cdforum@uunet.uu.net**

GENDERLINE:

Nature: BBS (Compuserve Information Service).

Services: Nodes nationwide. Admission by subscription to Compuserve and by permission by System Operator HSX forum B (GO HSX 200 at any prompt). Discrete, support community for both TVs and TSs. Consists of closed forum, conference area, and extensive data library of factual information and archived discussions of topics of concern.

PASSING FANCY: Alexandria, VA 703-765-6290; 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service. Both a public and a private section. The private section is available for subscribers only. Answer the "SYSTEM ID" prompt with "FANCY" to gain access to the public section.

IXE BBS: Indianapolis, IN 317-784-6975

Services: Users must be registered with the Adult BBS before access will be given. Upon access type <J> then <I>.

TV/TS GENDER FORUM: Grand Rapids, MI: 616-676-2429; 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service. The Gender Forum is a closed forum accessible exclusively by members of the gender community, and professionals that work with us.

Services: The Gender Forum also has a **'Companion Support Forum'** exclusively for significant others, spouses, and partners.

CAROLYN'S CLOSET: Minneapolis, MN; 612-452-2676; 300/1200 baud, 8N1.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board: Totally free. A very nice, user-friendly board with some very nice user-written fiction and stories.

US TOO: Chicago, IL: 312-252-7024; 300/1200/2400 baud 8N1

Nature: Non-profit transsexual support Bulletin Board Service affiliated with the Sunday Society.

Services: Very user friendly BBS with four sub-boards (M-F TS, F-M TS, TV, general).

Security: Call first.

CROSS LINK: Denver, CO: 1 (303) 665-3746. 300/1200 baud, 8 bits, 1 stop bit, no parity.

Nature: Computer Bulletin Board Service

Services: When you log on you will see, "You have reached M&D's Travelling Circuits BBS Where YOU Are the Main Attraction!" Name? Last Name? Follow instructions, answer questions. Enter the name "CROSS-LINK".

SEARCHLIGHT OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA BBS: San Luis Obispo, CA: (805) 549-0961. 300/1200/2400 baud, 8N1 standard modem parameters.

Nature: BBS affiliated with Gender Community Advocates

Services: Access information on full service gender program, counseling, referrals, peer linking, and education. 24-hour BBS. Be sure to complete questionnaire stating TV or TS when prompted for 'Sexual Minority Type'. Gay/Lesbian and Adults Only sections also available.

FEMINET: 408-335-4387 300/1200/2400 baud, 8 bit, no parity, one stop bit. Software: QuickGGS 2.03 (highly modified).

Nature: Electronic bulletin board serving the gender community. Specialty: general resource for all TV's, TS's, and all other persons interested in transgendered lifestyles. Largest BBS devoted to gender issues.

Services: Access: Answer all new-login questions and you will be bogged onto Digicomputronica, a public "front" for Feminet. Enter "P" (for password). Password is "KEY" (without quotes). 24 hours. Financed by contributions.

TerraNetBBS: (714) 248 2836 (On-line 2pm-10pm PST Weekdays, 24-hours Weekends). P O Box 184, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92693-0184. (714) 248 2836 (10am to 2pm PST, voice ONLY).

PUBLICATIONS

TAPESTRY PUBLICATIONS: Tapestry, Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778 (617) 899-2212 FAX (617) 899-5703. Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Director.

Nature: Tapestry Publications is a division of I.F.G.E.

Services: The TV/TS Tapestry is I.F.G.E's primary publication. We also publish and market a wide variety of how-to books, presentation transcripts, anthologies of pertinent reprints, directories, and other timely material. Tapestry Publications is designed as the gender community's own publishing house.

GENDER EXPRESSIONS: Electronic Media ARTS, P.O. Box 150, Concord, NH 03302-0150

Nature: Commercial non-sexual TV/TS publication oriented towards the informational needs of the gender dysphoric community.

EN FEMME MAGAZINE: En Femme Magazine, 1977 N. Olden Ave, Suite 205, Trenton, NJ 08618

Nature: Non-sexual magazine dealing with all aspects of the transvestite, transsexual, and female impersonator in a tasteful, dignified manner.

Services: Articles, interviews, stories, artwork, photos, classifieds.

CREATIVE DESIGN SERVICES: Box 1263, King of Prussia, PA 19406; 215-640-9449.

Nature: A commercial concern marketing a line of products and services for the TV/TS Community.

Services: Publish "Art and Illusion: a Guide to Crossdressing" and "LadyLike Magazine", sponsors "Paradise in the Poconos" weekends in May and September.

Security: None.

CHANGING MEN: Editorial Office & Subscriptions, 306 N. Brooks St, Madison, WI 53715

Nature: An international magazine dealing with the issues of gender, sex, and politics.

SCD PUBLISHING: 1401 Melrose Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55426-1843

Nature: TV/TS publishing house.

Services: Publishes TV/TS Talk bi-monthly for members and supporters of the TV/TS Community. TV/TS Talk is modeled after the Penthouse Forum, but deals exclusively with gender related issues. $3.50 per issue; $21.00 per year.

CROSS-TALK: P.O. Box 944, Woodland Hills, CA 91365

Nature: A newsletter for the Transgendered community. Sample issue $1.00

THE CROSSDRESSER'S QUARTERLY: John Moran Photo-Graphix (JMPG), P.O. Box 7217, Burbank, CA 91510-7217

Services: News, events, photogramps, fetish fashions, shopping resources, personal & vendor & club profiles. $7.00

THE AMERICAN CROSSDRESSER: Chevalier Publications, P.O. Box 194, Tulare, CA 93275

Nature: A magazine for crossdressers designed to replace 'Transvestia'.

TRANSSEXUALS IN PRISON: Distribution Director: Ms Patricia Fisher, P.O. Box 293 Cote des Neiges P.O. 5858 Cote des Neiges Blvd, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3S 2S5

Nature: A newsletter for and about the transsexual inmate.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

SEX INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES (SIECUS): SIECUS, 130 W. 42nd St; Suite 2500, New York, New York 10036 (212) 819-9770 FAX (212) 819-9776

Nature: SIECUS is affiliated with the Department of Health Education of the School of Education, Health, Nursing, and the Arts Professions of New York University. SIECUS deals with all sexual issues, including gender expression.

J2CP INFORMATION SERVICES: Current address incorrect.

Nature: J2CP provides information and referral services formerly provided by the Erickson Educational Foundation and the JANUS Information Facility.

Services: J2CP provides an information package consisting of pamphlets and literature concerning Gender Dysphoria Syndrome, TVism, and TSism. This info package is available at a cost of $25.00 to cover research, printing, secretarial, and postage services. J2CP also provides referrals to reputable counselors, psychotherapists, gender programs, and peer groups near your home. Certified checks and money orders should be made payable to J2CP Information Services. Please specify whether you are M-F TS, F-M TS, or TV. If TS, please provide your place of birth.

THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY GAY AND LESBIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: SFBAGLHS, Box 42126, San Francisco, CA 94142.

Nature: Reference library for lesbian, gay, and transgendered persons.

Services: Large periodical collection of Bay Area and California titles preserved for research.

TRANSGENDER ARCHIVE: TGA, c/o Dr. Richard Ekins, Ulster University, Magee College, Northland Road, Londonderry BT48 7JL, Northern Ireland.

Nature: A non-profit academic research and study facility.

Services: Seeking both group and personal deposits related to every kind of Transgender regardless of sexuality or self designation of gender identity: TV/TS/TG/GT/CD, Gender Bender/Blender, Drag (all kinds), Newspaper cuttings, magazines, group journals, photos, sound and video tapes, records, artifacts of history and living history. Publishes "Archive News" a newsletter and news agency with three purposes: (1) To provide news for transgender groups and publications, (2) To inform the transgender community of the progress of the Archive, and (3) To help the Archive improve its deposits.

Security: One hundred percent, closed deposits accepted as noted by the depositor. Access to research material by direct application to Dr. Ekins, granted subject to his decision. Access to deposits is only granted on permission by the original depositor and Dr. Ekins after a full security consultation.

RESEARCH

TEENAGE CROSSDRESSING RESEARCH PROJECT: Sheila Kirk, c/o P.O. Box 3214, Pittsburgh, PA 15230

Nature: Long-term research project being conducted by a physician, a Boarded Specialist in OB-Gyn, with a research background.

Security: Parental approval required. The security of each teenager and his parents is a paramount consideration.

I.F.G.E. HISTORICAL RESEARCH PROJECT: N. Cole, P.O. Box 241, Leavenworth, KS 66048

Nature: Historical research project sponsored by the IFGE Educational Resources committee. Researching the history of TV/TS organizations from 1950 to the present. The purposes are to capture the story of individuals and organizations, to create a permanent record, and provide a comprehensive education resource.

NATIONAL GENDER PROJECT: Box 126, Northridge, CA 91328 Dr. Richard F. Docter, PhD, Director, Department of Psychology, California State University Northridge, Northridge, CA 91330; 818-885-2828.

Nature: Individual and marital counselling for TVs, TS, and their significant others; research on gender issues.

Services: Counselling and research on gender issues. (Dr. Richard Doctor's new book, Transvestites and Transsexuals: Toward a Theory of Cross-Gender Behavior is now available from I.F.G.E., Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778. $29.50 plus $2.50 shipping and handling.)

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MASSACHUSETTS (010- 027-)

AUDREY M. (E MA) (#58)
Member: TCNE
MWM bi-TV, 54, 155, 5'10", nice, intelligent, well adjusted, sense of humor. Enjoys current events, music, sailing, photography, woodworking. Writes TV stories. "Would like to have a few TV friends for casual get-togethers; freedom limited to weekdays 9-6."
Neil Moses, Box 66, Allston, MA 02134 (MA-0280)

Chris R. (MA-1354)
CHRIS ROBINS (E MA) (#57)
TS, 45. Completed legal name change. About to start on hormones. Planning to go full-time in 1992. Psychotherapist. Interests: Coming-out experiences, thrift stores, women's rights, gay rights, writing one's autobiography, Reiki healing, stuffed animals, massage, MBTI (ISFJ), meditation, dancing, TS humor, psychological and spiritual dimensions of gender variance. "I'm interested in dating nonsmoking single bisexual people of all varieties: genetic males, genetic females, M-to-F or F-to-M TS's."
Chris Robins (MA-1354)

Valerie V. (MA-0273)
VALERIE VINCENT (E MA) (#55)
Member: TCNE
5' 10", 150, 147, blue eyes, attractive. (Centerfold Transvestian Vol 4 #10). "Interested in meeting understanding woman on a social basis for talks, shopping, lunch, fun and friendship . . . a woman who will help bring Valerie out of the closet. Also interested in corresponding with all who wish to write and exchange pictures."
Occupant, Box 8341, JFK Station, Boston, MA 02114 (MA-0173)

SUSAN A. (SE MA) (#56)
MWM TV, 30's, 5'7", 140, considered passable.
Interests: Collecting and wearing all kinds of lingerie, TV literature.
"Interested in exchanging letters and photos with others similarly inclined."
Susan A. (MA-0064)

Valerie P. (MA-0780)
VALERIE PAULSEN (E MA) (#55)
Member: TCNE
Awards: FF Ms Cinderella '85
Divorced intersexual. 45,5'11", 145. Enjoy rock and new music, movies, science, SF, night life, dancing, beaches. Never watch TV. Passionate entrepreneurial interest in laser show technology.
"Love to meet someone to share all this with, and maybe more. I don't date men."
Valerie Paulsen, P.O. Box 259, Watertown, MA 02272-0259 (MA-0780)

Margarita R. MA-1815)
MARGARITA AMANDA R. (E MA) (#56)
Member: TCNE
Participant: Coming Together, Be-All, Texas 'T' Party
SWM, 5'11", young looking and thinking, a good listener.
Interests: geography, history, science, photography, classical music, camping, hiking, cooking, gardening, canning, dancing, softball, pretty and lacy feminine attire, and PEOPLE. Non-smoker for one year! Live alone on North Shore of MA. "PLEASE WRITE! All will be answered."
Margarita R. (MA-1815)

LILA WALTON (W. MA) (#57)
Naturally inclined this way, I pass well and enjoy being accepted.
Interests: Contemporary theater, acting, poetry and poetry readings, folk music, Irish songs and ballads.
"I love to be out among people in nice places, when I can do this. I like to talk a lot, and I listen."
Lila W. (MA-1386)

Holly C. (MA-0279)

HOLLY CROSS (MA) (#99)

IFGE Board of Directors, IFGE Staff Member: TCNE

Participant: Tiffany P-town Outing, IFGE Convention, Shangri-La, Joyce Dewhurst's Poconos Outing

SWM TV, mid-60's. Lives alone except for a lot of VHF ham gear and about 200 size 20 outfits. Is fairly active, goes to many concerts dressed, and has been to over 15 outings. Looks like a proper Boston lady, and is having a 'hell' of a good time.

"I try to answer all the interesting letters, but no guarantee."

Holly C., c/o Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778

Christina S. (MA-0649)

CHRISTINA SMITH (MA) (#57)

Member: TCNE

5'11", 175, brown hair & eyes. Enjoys all feminine things, especially makeup, wigs, and high fashion clothing.

"I love the process of transforming myself into a woman. Since I rarely go out in public I tend to create a fantasy look . . . heavy makeup and sexy wigs. Would love to meet others who can teach me more about wig styling and makeup techniques. Will answer all who write with photo."

Christy Smith (MA-0649)

SUE FANON (W MA) (#56)

SWM TV, 34, 5'10", 160, brown eyes & hair, easy going, clean, understanding, loving & sincere.

Interests: Dressing up & being feminine, travel, music, & friendships.

"I am a novice TV who enjoys being feminine and would like to enjoy sincere friendships with other TV's and TS's. I would like to correspond or meet a pre- or post-op transsexual."

Sue F. (MA-0983)

Les N. (MA-2124)

LES N. (E MA) (#57)

Post-op F-M, 30's.

"Looking for correspondence to make lasting friendships with other F-M TS's, and with GG's."

Les N., P.O. Box 123, Wakefield, MA 01880 (MA-2124)

Arlene L. (MA-1648)

ARLENE SUSAN L. (E MA) (#55)

MWM hetero closet TV, 47, 5'10", 205.

"I love dressing completely as a woman. Especially love nylons, heels, and lingerie. Am cautiously venturing into the beautiful world of femininity, after many years in the closet. I love my femininity and, wish to pursue all aspects of being a woman."

Arlene L. (MA-1648)

SUSAN ELIZABETH R. (MA) (#57)

SWM TV, 53, 6' 180, brown hair, hazel eyes. Interests: Photography, treasure hunting, 40's and 50's music, dogs, nature, and being a lady.

"I would like to correspond with other girls in E. Mass., especially Metro-West area."

Susan Elizabeth R. (MA-0839)

SHARON McGRATH (MA) (#56)

Member: TCNE

Participant: Fantasia Fair, Tiffany outings

WM, 34, 5'6", 140, TV-TS.

"I enjoy everything feminine; love going out dressed for shopping and travel. Would like to meet and correspond with others her age with same interests."

Ms. Sharon McGrath (MA-0504)

Diana D. (MA-2146)

DIANA S. DWYER (W MA) (#58)

Single CD, 25, 5'11", heterosexual.

"I'm passable, but need to make more friends in the gender community. I've had a difficult time finding a positive support group. I have received many letters telling me how pretty I am. I answer, if I am so attractive, then how come I am alone most of the time? I encourage all in the gender community to write, as well as any real women."

Diana Dwyer, P.O. Box 4104, Pittsfield, MA 01202 (MA-2146)

Robyn G. (MA-2208)

ROBYN GOLDSTEIN (E MA) (#58)

Member: Tiffany Club

MWM hetero TV, 42, 5'7", 160. Extremely supportive wife. 3 kids.

"My wife and I, as a couple, would like to correspond with other couples wrestling with the sexual and emotional implications of CD. I go out once a month to malls and restaurants, sometimes accompanied by my wife."

Robyn Goldstein, P.O. Box 6211, Boston, MA 02114 (MA-2208)

CHRYSTAL RAYMOND (SE MA) (#57)

Member: Tiffany, IFGE

Participant: Coming Together, Fantasia Fair

Married, 6', 170, 44 year old CD with fashionable tastes, low budget, and enthusiastic. Interests: crossdressing, CD videos, sports, developing a support group for CD's in SE MA region.

" So far, I've received inspiration from numerous responses. Will meet as a group for first time soon. Join us. Write now!"

Chrystal Raymond (MA-1923)

LISA (MA) (#57)

MWM, 33, 5'8". Lisa is willing to help others become happy too.

"I have just started to realize that to be truly happy, I must accept that one is what one is. Would like to meet others at this stage of 'becoming'."

Lisa C. (MA-1956)

Nancy R. (MA-2160)

NANCY REYNOLDS (E MA) (#58)

Member: IFGE, Tiffany Club

Attended: Fantasia Fair, Texas 'T' Party, Coming Together.

Friendly. Interests: Anyone with a six-figure income (good heart, sharp mind, pretty smile are acceptable substitutes).

"I'm new to our community, and would enjoy hearing from others who are contemplating 'coming out.' A sunny 'Hi!' to all the beautiful ladies it has been my pleasure to meet."

Nancy Reynolds (MA-2160)

LAUREN D. (MA) (57)

5'10", 185, 30, married, hetero, monogamous CD with supportive wife. Enjoy most sports, camping, crossdressing, and improving my image.

"My wife and I wish to correspond and possibly meet with other CD couples in the North Shore area for friendship, understanding, and helping. Will answer all."

Lauren D. (MA-2047)

CHARLENE MANN (MA) (#58)

Member: TCNE

Friendly, outgoing human service professional and software developer, live and work in my chosen gender role. Compulsively constructive, with a generally accurate "feel" for what works and a sense of humor. Enjoy writing, bicycling, cooking, sewing, and time with friends. Would like to meet or correspond with other TS's (both directions) working in human services, both MH and MR. (I'm a slow but sure respondent.)

Charlene Mann, c/o Box 367, Wayland, MA 01778 (MA-1237)

ERIN ANNE O. (E. MA) (#57)
SWM TV, 23, 5'9", 165. Loves alternative music, friends, and all aspects of femininity, especially dressing.
"Would like to correspond with other TV/TS's. Send photos if possible. Discretion assured & required. Need help dressing."
Erin O. (MA-2094)

LISA COPPER (E MA) (#57)
SWM, 29, 5'10", 22.
"I like to dress at home. Looking for a woman that can understand and to help me dress and look my best. Also like to meet TV/TS for friends."
Lisa Copper, P.O. Box 415, Wakefield, MA 01880 (MA-1202)

Jennifer E. (MA-2249)
JENNIFER EDWARDS (SE MA) (#55)
Participant: Fantasia Fair, Poconos
MWM, 60's, crossdresser for 50 years. Loves meeting with other CD's. Seek friends in Cape Cod area. Wife merely tolerant.
"Jennifer does housework, writes professionally, enjoys photography, sailing. Will reply to all."
Jennifer E. (MA-2249)

HEATHER DAWN ANDERSON (E MA) (#58)
Member: TCNE
MWM, 40, 5'11", 130. Crossdressing since childhood, transsexual inclinations.
Interests: Music (rock to classical), songwriting, cooking, running.
"I enjoy long walks on the seashore accompanied by intimate conversation and fun."
Heather A. (MA-0661)

BOBBIE DAVIES (W MA) (#58)
MWM, 42, hetero. Interests: Tennis, martial arts, anything feminine.
"Hi! My name is Bobbie. I've been a TV as long as I can remember. Love lingerie, negligees, and being a woman. I wear bra and panties every day, and soft silky negligees to bed at night. My wife knows, does not understand, but accepts me as I am. Need to be a woman. Need a pen pal for girl talk. Write soon."
Bobbie Davies, P.O. Box 1518, Pittsfield, MA 01201 (MA-2238)

Judy T. (MA-0733)
JUDITH ANNE THOMPSON (E MA) (#56)
Member: TCNE
Widowed WM CD, 68, 5'9", 175, retired, good listener, honest and intelligent. Passes well. Likes photography, sailing, hiking, gardening, good music, living as "Judy" and helping others of our community. "Would like contact and correspondence with CD's in SE MA. area for companionship and like interests."
Judith T. (MA-0733)

Carolyn N. (MA-1829)
CAROLYN NELSON (E MA) (#56)
Member: Tiffany Club of New England
Participant: Poconos Weekend
TV, 170, tall, but passes well. Likes very much to go out. Married; wife not supportive.
Interests: Passing, making lasting friendships with other TV's.
Carolyn N. (MA-1829)

DOROTHY T. (E MA) (#55)
WM TV, 50+, intelligent, articulate, discreet. Seeks that special relationship. Can't find the closet door at this point. Adores pretty lingerie, velvet gowns, and wedding attire.
"Would love to exchange letters and share fantasies with others."
Dorothy T. (MA-2261)

Janice H. (MA-0254)
JANICE H. (E MA) (#55)
Member: TCNE, Tri-Ess, TV Entertainers, NY
Participant: Fantasia Fair
Divorced WM, 64, 5'6", 155, blue eyes, brown hair. Goes out as Janice shopping, eating at restaurants, visiting other TV's. Makes friends, but is on the quiet side, write to many other TV's.
"Will answer all letters. Would like to take hormones and live full time as a woman."
Janice H. (MA-0254)

Rhonda S. (MA-0317)
RHONDA SMITH (E MA) (#56)
Supporting Member: IFGE
Participant: Holiday En Femme, TCNE P-Town Outing
Awards: TCNE Service Award
TV/TS, 5'6", 130 pounds of exotic, blue-eyed, blonde temptress.
Interests: Showbiz, Fl night-clubbing, Wagnerian Ring Cycle classical music, lasers, sciences, cooking, camping.
"Traveled Honolulu to Hollywood. Done Dallas, tasted the forbidden fruit and it is luscious, or as Mae West said, 'Too much of a good thing can be wonderful.'"
Rhonda S. (MA-0317)

ELLIE K. (MA) (#56)
Member: TCNE
DWM, 5'6", 55, quiet and lives alone. Pleasant personality. Interested in model railroading, country music, and crossdressing. Enjoys meeting people, and long rides & walks.
"I'm new to crossdressing, and really can use all the help I can get. Would love to meet and correspond with others of same interests."
Ellie K. (MA-1076)

Holly D. (MA-2422)
HOLLY D. (E MA) (#56)
Married, 41, 6'2", 200, lifelong TV. Avid reader and soon to be published writer of TV fantasies.
"Would really like to express my femininity more but need encouragement of others who have been there. Eventual goal to meet other TV's and join a TV group. Would love to correspond with others willing to share a little bit of themselves."
Holly D. (MA-2442)

MICHELLE LANGE (E MA) (#57)
MWM, 40, 6', brown hair and hazel eyes. Interests include current events, sports, chess, household duties, and everything feminine. Intelligent, imaginative, and daring person seeking a friendship with nice, caring, sincere person.
"I am an avid collector of TV, domination, and discipline stories, and would like to share them with a similar person."
Boxholder, Box 1065, Burlington, MA 01803

MARCIA JOHNSON (E MA) (#55)
Member: TCNE
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing
5'9", 140, 42, shoulder length blonde hair. Attractive, in-between would like to hear from other in-betweens who enjoy shopping, dining & dancing & weekend getaways.
Marcia J. (MA-0666)

DIANA E. MARSHALL (W MA) (#56)
Member: TCNE
SWM TV, never married, 42, 5'6", 125, size 7/8, loves all things feminine: long nails, heels, perfume, lingerie, makeup, and long hair.
Interests: Music and stereo equipment, acrylic and oil painting.
"Would like to spend all my time as a girl. Would like to meet new friends and attend Tiffany functions."
Diana M. (MA-0886)

PAMELA L. (E MA) (#55)
SWM, 37, 5'11", 145, possibly passable in the dark. Interested in chess, computers, photography, reading and occasional crossdressing.
Pamela L. (MA-2376)

Shelly A. (MA-2463)

SHELLEY ANDERSON (W MA) (#56)
Member: TGIC
Participant: 'Be All'
5'10", 36, 150, size 12.
Interests: fashion, cooking, baseball & letting my feminine self blossom. Enjoy lingerie, quiet talk, & relaxing with like minded people. TV with strong TS desires.
"Would like to meet TV's, TS's, and GG's. Travel to Albany and Worcester. Phone & photo, please!"
Shelly Anderson, P.O. Box 4583, Springfield, MA 01101 (MA-2463)

JOANNA EDLONS (W MA) (#56)
DWM, 57, 5'10", 175.
Interests: Fishing, walks, crossword puzzles, quiet times.
"Live alone so I dress at home nearly every day. Go out en femme only at night since I'm not sure of passing, and apartment security makes easy in and out difficult. Need CD my age group in Central Mass. to exchange support and friendship. We can help each other."
Joanna E. (MA-1873)

DIANE D. (E MA) (#56)
5'9", 175, married with children.
Interests: Macintosh computers, aviation, desk-top publishing, fashion.
"Would love to hear from other married TV's who have not come out to their wives. Now that we have realized the truth about ourselves, how do we disclose it without making the innocent past a lie?"
Diane D. (MA-1776)

EVE B. (E MA) (#56)
Member: Tri-Ess
Widower, age 70, retired.
Interests: Dressing privately at home with invited guests.
"Good friend of Ariadne Kane, and have had Virginia Prince as visitor in my home some years ago. Arthritis has limited me considerably in the past 2 years."
Eve B. (MA-0508)

SYLVIA MARCI D. (W MA) (#56)
Older MWM TV, 5'6", 170.
"Interested in fetish items for many years; newly into full TV closet activity and would like to share thoughts on this area. Would be happy to swap or share collections of self video on high heels and/or fashion belts. Also have interest in area of forced cross-dressing and bondage."
Sylvia D. (MA-2430)

Rise C. (MA-2615)

RISE CARMEN (NE MA) (#57)
MWM, Bi, closet TV, 6', dark brown hair and eyes. Loves femme clothes and dressing. "Would like to meet other Bi TV's in the NE MA, southern NH, and southern ME areas."
Boxholder, P.O. Box 13, Essex, MA 01929 (MA-2615)

TINA SANDRAH (W MA) (#55)
Member: CT Outreach Society
TG/TS, 5'10", 150, 28, with understanding girlfriend. Blue eyes, size 11/12. Enjoys photography, theater, electronics, music, ham radio. Loves to correspond with others. "Always looking for new friends. Girlfriend would also like to correspond with other SO's."
Boxholder, P.O. Box 6127, Holyoke, MA 01040 (MA-2465)

BOBBIE M. (E MA) (#56)
DWM, 5'5", 165, 35. Enjoys sports, soft rock, cooking, fishing, and nature in general. Also enjoys intelligent, caring, and understanding people.
"Still in the closet. Been Cding since a young age. Enjoy lingerie and stylish, soft feminine clothing. Looking to meet understanding women and couples to help me."
Bobbie M. (MA-2478)

ROBYN D. (E MA) (#56)
Interests: Sailing, hang gliding, basketball, music.
"I recently began to face this special part of me. I am interested to hear from both men who cross-dress and women who have been married to, are married to, or dating men who cross-dress. Since I have just lost a two-year relationship when my mate discovered my interest, I need to get a better understanding of what I will face when I meet someone else. How do I tell them?"
Robyn D. (MA-2663)

JENNIFER M. (SE MA) (#56)
MWM, 33, 5'10", 185, size 18, brown hair, brown eyes, very outgoing person, cross-dressing since age 5.
Interests: Would like to meet or correspond with others. Enjoy dressing, lingerie, nylons, make up and heels.
"Still in closet, but getting ready, must be discreet."
Jennifer M. (MA-2585)

Karen F. (MA-2725)

KAREN F. (E MA) (#57)
Member: Tiffany Club of NE
MWM, TV, 40, 6', 200, grey hair and blue eyes, size 20.
"I am in recreation, like travel, computers, photography, art, music, people. Barely out of the closet, love to dress in lingerie, lace, and petticoats. Need help from sisters to pass in public. Dressing makes me feel content, expressive of my inner self, and pretty. Seek correspondence and photos. Please write."
Karen F. (MA-2725)

Diana J. (MA-1999)

DIANA J. (E MA) (#57)
Cover girl in early 70's for Transvestia. About size 16, have had electrolysis, and have taken estrogens off and on for 20 years.
"I enjoy being a girl! Interests include golf, canoeing, reading, writing, and living!! I also enjoy the company of my grandson."
Diana J. (MA-1999)

DOMINIQUE BROWN (N MA) (#57)
Member: TCNE
Participant: 'Coming Together'
MWM, hetero, CD, 38, 5'10", 195, dresses conservatively. Wife trying to cope with CD activities but does not participate.
Interests: Define and refine Dominique and to offer and receive support.
"Want to form support group in E Canada. Interested in hearing from all, especially attendees of IFGE Convention in Boston for a reunion."
Dominique Brown (MA-2650)

S.P. GILGUT (N MA) (#56)
Member: XX Club, Tiffany
DW M-F TS.
Interests: Studying classical organ, photography, reading and model railroading - computers too!
"Looking to get together with new friends in my area, or exchanging mail/Email via WIZUAX! Stephie @ Samsung.Com."
Stephie G. (MA-2657)

MARIE ALLEN (E MA) (#56)
Member: Now applying to TCNE.
5'10", 200 lbs. and dieting.
"I think I look much younger than my age (58) dressed."
Interests: (male): golf, bridge years ago. (female): very much into pure silk - lingerie, and also dresses, skirts and blouses. Bought sewing machine, and am beginning to design and sew silk lingerie for myself.
Marie Allen (MA-2729)

Karen M. (MA-2822)

KAREN M. (NE MA) (#57)
WM TV, 35, 6'1", 1, blonde, blue eyes.
"Crossdressing for many years, but still in the closet. I love the feeling of becoming a beautiful woman. Especially love nylons and lingerie. Told that I am very passable, but lack confidence to go out alone. Would like to meet other CD's in greater Boston area. I am very discrete. Will respond to all sincere letters with photo."
Karen M. (MA-2822)

SUZANNE C. (E MA) (#57)
Member: TCNE
DWM, over 50, strong TS tendencies. Interests include computers, cooking, being Suzie as much as possible; would love to be a housewife.
"I much prefer my feminine self and live at home as a woman, although I must still work as a man. I feel completely comfortable and natural as Suzie and always think and act as a woman. I would be delighted to hear from you."
Suzanne (MA-0295)

DIANE C. (E MA) (#57)
45 year old, happily married heterosexual crossdresser, Ph.D., educated, executive. Wife tolerates crossdressing, but not in her presence.
"Have always dressed in private, but would now like to meet someone to dress with as a prelude to attending a CD convention or weekend. I emulate socialites, my feminine role models, in my interests (fashion and the arts). Avidly seeking correspondence."
Diane C. (MA-2751)

ROBIN W. (SE MA) (#57)
"Seeking guidance and perfection for transformation. Interested in exotic linge-

rie, religious origins, sexual diversity, sling, magick, pursuit of wealth. Would like to establish support group on Martha's Vineyard. Would like to hear from anyone. Wife has knowledge, understanding, and helps. Coming out of my closet and need to be with others similar to myself. I am a secretive and private person, trustworthy and discreet."

Robin W. (MA-2845)

LISA STEPHANIE ALLEN (E MA) (#57)

SWM, 30, 6',175.

Interests: Dressing up, fishing, camping, running, reading.

"I am trying to come out of the closet. Would like to meet others doing the same. Looking for a roommate to share an apartment in Norwood area. Currently living with parents (you know how that can be!!!) Please drop a line for friendly chat."

Lisa Stephanie A. (MA-2810)

SUZANNE (NW MA) (#58)

43, trim, 156.

Interests: jogging, shopping.

"I love modeling evening gowns. I am looking for a friend to help bring out the best of both of us. Can travel to meet new friends. I am still in the closet and would like to share my first evening out with a friend. Have been dressing for years."

Suzanne, P.O. Box 209, Pinehurst, MA 01866 (MA-2866)

ROBIN OLSEN (SE MA) (#57)

5'9", 145, brown hair, blue eyes.

"I am interested in writing to and meeting all who are serious TS. Please write for mutual support, leading up to the final change, which I am ready for."

Robin O. (MA-1353)

DANIEL LEACH (E MA) (#58)

Masculine white male, 37, 6', 195, brown hair, brown eyes. Airline employee, recreational traveler.

"I am interested in corresponding with, and meeting pretty, petite, together TV's or pre-op TS's in Boston, Chicago, D.C., and other major North American cities, for a lady companion, tour guide. I enjoy nightlife, dinner, dancing, and intimate evenings together."

Daniel L. (MA-2924)

TRACI S. (MA) (#58)

DWM, TV with TS tendencies, 29, 5'3", 125 (petite), brown hair, hazel eyes.

Interests: Travel, music, cooking, skiing, shopping, and socializing.

"This is my first ad, as I have just discovered Tapestry and realize I'm not alone. I recently took my first trip out of my 'closet' and loved it! I pass very well, but want to meet others in the region to socialize with. Please write me!"

Traci S., Box 143, Medway, MA 02053 (MA-2942)

JOAN R. (E MA) (#58)

35, 6', mostly hetero, somewhat passable.

"Enjoy escaping from the stresses of profession by dining and clubbing at nice places. Undergoing experiential learning explosion after all these years of repression. Loving wife struggling to understand, but supportive. Remembering the anguish before discovering IFGE, Tapestry, TCNE, etc., I would like to help."

Joan R. (MA-2841)

RHODE ISLAND (027-029-)

Andrea K. (RI-1771)

ANDREA K. (RI) (#56)

5'10", 155, brown eyes, long brown hair, semi-androgynized.

Interests: Sci-fi, investing, metaphysics, dressing up full time like a woman, movies, video.

"I am willing to meet other TV/CD/TS's and talk about things like lingerie, high heels, hosiery, makeup, and becoming a full time woman, to be known as a woman, and treated as one."

Andrea K. (RI-1771)

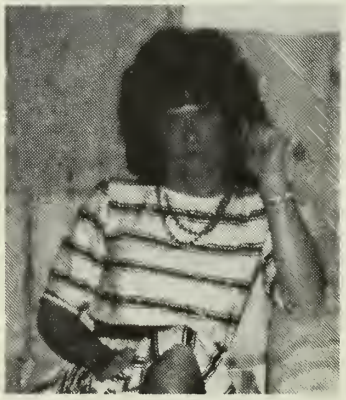
Janine D. (RI-0331)

JANINE BRIDGET D. (RI) (#56)

5'9", 140, 30's, auburn hair, blue eyes. Enjoys computers, photography, needle point, gourmet cooking.

"Interested in meeting individuals who can help me advance in achieving greater understanding of my feminine self."

Jan, P.O. Box 562, Coventry, RI 02816 (RI-0331)



Charly O. (RI-2157)

CHARLY OLSON (RI) (#58)

Member: Rhode Island Society

6', 175. Interests: Fishing, boating, and of course spending as much time as possible as Charly.

"Interested in meeting others in the local area and hoping to help organize a local support group. Love to exchange photos and make new friends. I've been 29 years old for the last 11 years!"

Charly Olson, P.O. Box 1140, Coventry, RI 02816 (RI-2157)

Gwendolyn S. (RI-2207)

GWENDOLYN ALYNNA SPENCER (RI) (#56)

Participant: 'Coming Together'

5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, volunteer at IFGE office. Hobbies include reading, history, sailing, dancing, camping, and martial arts.

"I like long walks on the seashore and in the woods. Interested in contacting other Wiccans. Also starting a support group in RI."

Gwendolyn Spencer, P.O. Box 3453, Newport, RI 02840 (RI-2207)

Stephanie S. (RI-2693)

STEPHANIE S. (RI) (#57)

MWM, TV, 5'11", 180, 33, professional. Compassionate wife trying to understand. Coming out of closet. Probably passable.

Interests: History, reading, motorcycles, running, computers, shopping for feminine attire and dressing en femme.

"Interested in corresponding. Particularly in need of contact with those who have been able to overcome their guilt. We want to write and meet couples working on CD issues. We are slow but consistent correspondents!"

Stephanie S. (RI-2693)

BARBARA ALEXANDRE (RI) (#57)

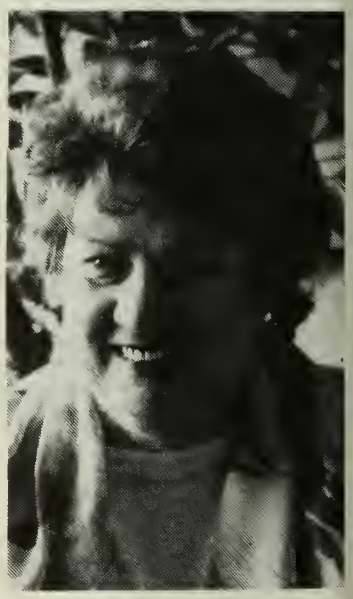
Member: TCNE

DBiW TV.

"Would enjoy exchange of letters, photos/tapes with other TV's in R.I./So. Mass. area. I present a passible figure. Mid-40's and in shape. I like sun bathing, dancing, evenings out, especially in Cape Cod area during summer. Drinking and smoking OK. I particularly enjoy dressing up for all those who appreciate 'complete transformation' en femme, photo sessions and ?! SASE gets photo and reply."

Barbara A. (RI-0313)

NEW HAMPSHIRE (030-038-)



Merissa L. (NH-0001)

MERISSA SHERRILL LYNN (NH)

Executive Director I.F.G.E., Editor In Chief TV/TS TAPESTRY, Director 'Coming Together' Convention

Awards: Dr. Prince 'Lifetime Contribution' Award

Single, 48, 6', 200, BA, pro skier 8 years. Caring person.

Interests: Folk singing, bridge (ACBL silver life master), the wilderness, loving and free thinking people.

"Sorry, but I can't answer personal correspondence. However, I'm interested in hearing from people who are willing to work for our community. Interested? Write!"

Merissa Sherrill Lynn, Box 367, Wayland MA 01778 (617) 894-8340 (NH-0001)

PAIGE F. (NH) (#57)

BiWM, 30, 5'7", 150, slim, healthy, in good shape, very attractive, educated.

Interests: Music, literature, art, sunsets, good food, good wine, good company.

"I would like to meet a young, very feminine, passable TV for one-on-one, long-term relationship. I know how to treat a woman like a lady. Be slim, healthy, attrac-

tive. Shy OK. Send phone and photo if possible. All answered. So. NH, MA."
Paige F., P.O. Box 571, Tyngsboro, MA 01879 (NH-0764)

Carole D. (NH-0890)
CAROL E. DURETTE (NH) (#55)
"Hello out there! I'm looking for a soulmate who likes today's country music, home cooking, cats, and the 'feminine condition.' Be you male, or be you female, if you like TS gals, please write to me, by all means. I'll answer all letters promptly. Photos would be appreciated."
C. E. Durette, P. O. Box 3706, Manchester, NH, 03105 (NH-0890)

Alison H. (NH-2490)
ALISON H. (formerly MICHELLE HALL) (NH) (#56)
Member: TCNE
Participant: Coming Together '90
Awards: "Miss Cinderella", Fantasia Fair, '90
Single, 5'9", 140, 41, trim and fit, and passable. Quiet, sensitive, articulate, excited about exploring my female self. Interests: Personal growth, wholistic lifestyle.
"I'm an aerobatics pilot, artist, software engineer, and writer. I enjoy meeting intelligent, articulate, sensitive people, and have made many new friends through my gender exploration."
Alison H. (NH-2490)

CLAIRE DANIELLE (NH) (#58)
DWM, 5'8", 135, brown hair/eyes, size 9. "Slowly attempting to live as I feel most comfortable. Seek honest help and support."
Bobby, P.O. Box 478, Wilton, NH 03086 (NH-2188)

Beverly R. (NH-2858)
BEVERLY ROSS (NH) (#60)
SWM, 5'9", 215 (and losing), late 30's, TV.
Interests: Music, movies, cooking, weekend get-aways.
"I've been crossdressing since age 12. I'm still in the closet and am looking to build relationships to help me come out and be me. Intelligent, articulate, and discreet. I'm very sentimental, realistic, and compassionate. Hope some day to attend P-town."
Beverly R. (NH-2858)

Dawn A. (NH-2206)
DAWN A. (NH) (#61)
MWM, 6', 195, 59, pre-op TS.
"I have not started to dress full time yet but am doing well on electrolysis and hormones. I enjoy shopping, walking, 50's music and good company. I will answer all letters."
Dawn A. (NH-2206)

ANDREA L. (S NH) (#58)
SWM, 25, 5'9", 155.
Interests: science, movies, shopping, jogging, bicycling.
"Recently moved to the Nashua area and would like some friends for mutual support and excursions into the real world. My girlfriend accepts who I am but does not want to go out with me because of possible repercussions. Would also like to hear from couples who could help my girlfriend understand and cope better."
Andrea L. (NH-1210)

DIANE (NH) (#58)
White male TV, 5'6", blue eyes, brown hair.
Interests: Everything from a to z.
"Looking for a TV, TS, or GG who would like to help me finally to get out and do things. I am in need of a friend. Please send photo and phone. Will answer all."
Diane (NH-1476)

MAINE (038- 047-)

Wendi K. (ME-2034)
WENDI LYNN KAISER (S ME) (#58)
Member: Transsupport
Participant: Fantasia Fair '89, '90, Coming Together '90
Single, post-op TS, 5'7". Enjoys walking, cooking, music, shopping, reading.
"I have been wrestling with reality for most of my life. I am pleased to say that I have won."
Wendi Kaiser, P.O. Box 67, S. Berwick, ME 03908 (ME-2034)

Debbie P. (ME-2763)
DEBBIE PURRINGTON (S ME) (#57)
31, 5'11". Enjoys good conversation, dining out, travel, movies, reading, dressing.
"Would really like hearing from people who would enjoy having a new friend. Interested in both written correspondence and meeting new people. Willing to help new sisters with makeup or going out for their first night on the town. Will answer all who write."
Debbie P. (ME-2763)

DIANE L. (ME) (#60)
MM, TV, 30, 6'2", couldn't pass on a bet, supportive wife.
Interests: Theater, reading (Heinlein, Baum, Clancy, Hooker), Trivial Pursuit and a good pizza.
"I am just now beginning to accept the feminine side of myself, and I'm still scared. I would like to correspond, with the goal of meeting others who could help me accept myself as I feel I am. I would like to join a group, but don't know how to go about it. Thank you."
Diane L. (ME-2815)

FREDA (ME) (#58)
TV, 5'8", 180, 47.
"Understanding wife. Second marriage. Would like to heat from and meet others in the northeast. I travel throughout the northeast."
Freda F. (ME-2985)

VERMONT (050- 059-)

Phyllis C. (VT-2205)
PHYLLIS C. (VT) (#57)
MWM, 50, 6', 180.
"I would like to meet and correspond with TV's from Vermont. Interested in dressing with like-minded sisters. Will answer all mail ASAP."
Phyllis C. (VT-2205)

Helene H. (VT-2021)
HELENE H. (VT) (#58)
Participant: Tiffany P-town Outing, Tiffany Winter Outing, Poconos Weekend, Texas T-party.

"I am enjoying my female self no end, and getting better at it all the time. Out of the closet regularly. Kids and young girls read me but who cares? I'd like to hear from others and try to be helpful as much as I can. I answer all mail promptly."
Helene H. (VT-2021)

CONNECTICUT (060- 069-)

Michelle K. (CT-1490)

MICHELLE KAY (CT) (#63)
Married, hetero, 5'10", blue eyes, light brown hair, late 40's.
"Quiet and sincere. Enjoy cross country skiing, music, theater, and travel. Looking for honest, caring, helpful crossdressers."
Michelle Kay, P O Box 679, Avon, CT 06001 (CT-1490)

Diane M. (CT-1812)

DIANE MAYNARD (CT) (#57)
Member: Connecticut View
DWM TV, 48, 5'6", 145.
"Have been crossdressing for 40 yrs. I live by myself and enjoy going to parties dressed. Am looking for correspondence and companionship."
R. G. Maynard, P.O. Box 169, Somersville, CT 06072 (CT-1812)

RENEE CARROLL (CT) (#56)
Member: NWGA, Crossroads
SWM hetero TV, 40+, 6'+. Interests range from American history to the causes of transgenderism. Other pursuits include cooking, travel, outdoors, photography.
Renee C. (CT-0292)

ANDREA G. (CT) (#56)
Married, 5149, 5'11, 170.
Interests: Sports, good food, reading.
"I would like to develop some friendships in the crossdressing community, and welcome correspondence."
Andrea (CT-0425)

SAL CARBONE (CT) (#58)
Member: ETVC
Retired life-long TV with understanding wife.
"Would enjoy hearing how others started dressing and what they do now."
Sal Carbone, P.O. Box 8150, Manchester, CT 06040 (CT-1272)

RACHEL F. BOYCE (CT) (#56)
Member: Tiffany Club, CT Outreach Society
Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing, Fantasia Fair
Accountant, 43, married, wife knows & supports. Sons, 22 & 19. Interests: Life, music, dancing, dining out, shopping dressed. "Love to meet TV/TS's. Like educating the public when out. Have become much more aware of my own being in the past 3 years with the friends I have made through Tapestry."
Ms Rachel F. Boyce, P.O. Box 985, Windsor, CT 06095 (CT-1903)

Nicole S. (CT-2228)

NICOLE SNOW (CT) (#55)
Member: Tiffany Club, Tri-Ess, CT Outreach Society
Participant: Fantasia Fair, Texas 'T' Party
Hetero CD, divorced, 6'2", 39. Hobbies include running, hiking, music (especially CW, excluding opera), and reading.
"Willing to correspond. Especially in need of contact with others who have been able to work out issues related to their crossdressing with their significant other."
Ms. Nicole Snow, P.O. Box 432, Unionville, CT 06085-0432 (CT-2228)

DARLENE S. ROSS (CT) (#55)
MWM hetero closet TV, 5'8", 165, 50's (appears younger), retired, gentle, sincere. Enjoys dressing & being feminine, loves heels, shoes, lingerie, jewelry. Wife not supportive, but aware.
Interests: in sports, music, reading & travel. "Not passable. Like to correspond with all. (Photo preferred.) Especially those in NE. Meet for friendship, support and sharing."
Darlene S. Ross, 167 Cherry St, Suite 114, Milford, CT 06460 (CT-0838)

DIANE G. (CT) (#55)
Member: CT View
MWM hetero CD.
"Enjoy meeting people like myself who enjoy being in dresses. Enjoy photo sessions as girls. Travel eastern states."
Diane G. (CT-2163)

KATIE S. (CT) (#56)
Bi TV/TS, 36, 5'10", 150. Very attractive, friendly, sensual, basically passable; Hormones 1+ years, smoker (but respectful).
"Would love to meet someone who: Works in a deli, drives a Toyota, stays up late, can't drink, plays guitar (or whatever) in off the wall manner, is happier being her own woman, and who wouldn't mind sharing over, say... sushi on a saturday night? (You could always order chicken.) P.S., I can travel."
Katie S. (CT-1888)

RONI THOMPSON (CT) (#55)
Masculine, muscular, professional male.
"I would love to wine, dine, and dance with any attractive passable TV/TS who would like a sympathetic, empathetic escort to highlight their femininity."
Ron Thompson, Box 5962 Bayview Sta., Bridgeport, CT 06610 (CT-2477)

Gayle S. (CT-2493)

GAYLE S. (W CT) (#56)
SM TV, 5'10", 22, attractive. Envies anyone in a short skirt & hose. Interested in becoming a more attractive lady & meeting nice people to share dressing times.
"Wish to be involved with groups in the near future. Have been out in public often and really enjoy myself. This is my first ad, and I'm looking forward to meeting all who love the feeling of hose, heels, skirts, etc. as I do."
Gayle S. (CT-2493)

DAWN H. (CT) (#57)
DWM, 44, 5'9", 150, TS oriented. Enjoy camping, water skiing, 50's and 60's music, cars, and of course, learning to be the woman I want to be. "Interested in understanding and getting a handle on my feminine side. Want to hear from people in SE CT and RI, whom I can possibly help, and who can help me. Will answer all serious letters."
Dawn H. (CT-0858)

Ramona G. (CT-1948)

RAMONA G. (S CT) (#57)
Participant: Fantasia Fair, Coming Together, P-town Outing.
62, 5'11", 180, MWM Hetero TV.
"Love to meet or write others. Enjoy oil painting, shopping, and dressing. Like to go to outings to be a lady. Wife understands, and helps in shopping, etc. Oldest daughter understs and helps. I enjoy being able to talk to them about feminine subjects."
Ramona G., P.O. Box 171, Montville, CT 06353 (CT-1948)

Susan M. (CT-1463)

SUSAN MACDONALD (CT) (#58
Member: CGS & COS.
6'1 3/4" 155, 45, M-F TS.
Interests: Tracker action pipe organs, model railroading, cats, the outdoors, and cool forests. Especially like to go out to concerts and recitals.
"Have found one of the greatest satisfactions to be helping others in their quest for gender congruence. Would love to hear from both novice and advanced TV's and TS's. GG's welcome too."
Susan M. (CT-1463)

LORI (N CT) (#56)
6' tall, 190, in my 60's. Healthy, educated, with a sensuous, caring attitude.
"Would like to share my femininity with TV/TS females and couples. Please write so we can explore our femininity together."
Lori (N CT-2610)

DORA SECRET (N CT) (#56)
Member: C.O.S.
5'10", brown hair and eyes, 150, slim, 25. Interests besides crossdressing include: photography, dancing, 50's - 60's music.
"I'm interested in meeting TV'sor TS's to get together with and talk to, or who can help me improve my femme side and encourage me to make that first step outside. I also wish to escort TV's or TS's out for dinner or for drinks. Please send photo."
Franco, P.O. Box 290375, Wethersfield, CT 06129-0375 (CT-2731)

DIANE D. (CT) (#58)
Member: COS
S/W/M TV. Size 18 ultra tall. Age 36.
Interests: Golf, skiing, six years 12 step experience.
"New to scene. Complete transformation only recently. CD off and on for many years. Have a long way to go. Looking forward to the journey and some friends to share it with. Discrete. Will answer all ASAP with photo, phone, and note."
Diane D. (CT-2962)

NEW JERSEY (070- 088-)

Terry M. (NJ-2400)

TERRY M. (S NJ) (#55)
Member: Renaissance
Participant: Poconos Weekend, Paradise in the Poconos
Single male CD, 37, 5'8", brown eyes & hair.
"Very grateful to be out of the closet. I have enjoyed much growth and self-acceptance through interaction and sharing with other gender people."
Terry M. (NJ-2400)

ARLETTE W. (NJ) (#57)
SWM, TV, 5'6", 38, slim, passable. Sincere, mature, and discreet. Feminine and affectionate.
"Enjoy dating guys, but like going out with other girls more. Enjoy entertaining at home, and visiting. My philosophy is, 'Don't just dream about it - do it!' If you're from NJ or nearby, let's get together, and have some fun (phone number, please). Also, I have a spare room in my house - will consider suitable roommate."
Arlette W., Box 225, Holmdel, NJ 07733 (NJ-1894)

GINA R. (NJ) (#58)
Member: IFGE
MWM, hetero, TV, 38, 5'11", 210 (and dieting).
Interests: Cooking, literature, all films, and TV/TS fiction.
"Enjoy corresponding with fellow TV's and TS's. Wife knows, but is not very supportive. We all must bloom where we are planted, however. Love complete transformation, and seek a gentle, earthy, feminine look. Will answer all."
Gina R. (NJ-2278)

JANE PEABODY (S NJ) (#56)
Member: Outreach Institute, Renaissance
Participant: DREAM, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together
Tall, reddish blonde. Enjoys high heels, classical music, theater, and travel. Likes to participate in real-world activities.
Jane P. (NJ-0242)

SUZIE M. (N NJ) (#56)
MWM, late 40's, Bi-TV, 6'1", loves lingerie, nylons, and high heels.
"Have been dressing all my life. Would like to meet other bi sisters to share fantasies."
Suzie M. (NJ-0686)

Sharon D. (NJ-2342)

SHARON DAVIDSON (N NJ) (#55)
Member: Philadelphia TS Support
TS, 44, married to very supportive wife.
"I live 75% of the time as woman. Want to meet others like myself. Quiet, sincere, caring. Want to become more active in TS community."
Sharon D. (NJ-2342)

JANE T. (S NJ) (#55)
MWM TV, 6', 210, 48, with supportive wife.
"I'm a TV with a full beard for 30 years - can't leave closet, but love corsets, girdles, hose, heels, and latex. Dress at home. No sense going out with a beard, but if you know a way, let me know."
Jane T. (NJ-2339)

DEE J. (N NJ) (#58)
SWM TV, 46, 6', 152, college education, shy, just out of the closet.
"Dressing for past 21 years. Would like to meet others interested in and attracted to TV's. Enjoy TV clubs, mini skirts (have been told I have nice legs). Could use help from others with makeup. Letters with photo receive prompt response."
Dee J. (NJ-2337)

PRISCILLA K. (NJ) (#56)
34, married to "non-enthusiastic" wife, healthy, sensitive, caring, articulate, imaginative, discrete.
Interests: Submissive crossdressing, female supremacy, maid's uniforms, aprons, petticoats, and pinafores.
"Want to write others to exchange submissive TV ideas. Still deeply 'closeted' and somewhat shy, but willing to peek out for correspondence only."
Priscilla K. (NJ-1706)

Stacy A. (NJ-2468)

STACY AMBER (N NJ) (#55)
Member: Tri-Ess (Chi Delta Mu)
Single TV, 35, 6', blonde, blue-green eyes.
"I enjoy reading, dancing, music, old movies, nature, Tai Chi Chuan, I Ching, Avalon Hill Games, Zen, cats, plants, stars, walking through a moonlit forest, hanging out in the ocean surf, and sharing and playing with my TV friends. All the nightmares came today, and it looks as though they're here to stay."
Stacy Amber (NJ-2468)

Katherin H. (NJ-2073)

KATHERINE H. (N NJ) (#57)
Member: TGIC
Participant: Fantasia Fair, IFGE Convention, 'Be All', 'Coming Out,' Spring Fling.
6', brown hair, pre-op TS. Loves music, humor, corresponding, and helping others. Do stand-up comedy, Broadway poetry, and all things feminine. Rap group moderator. Love to travel (by car), love housework, gardening, talking, and answering letters.
Katherine H. (NJ-2073)

CHRISTINE M. (N NJ) (#56)
SWM, 39, 5'11", 140, life-long CD, sensitive, gentle, caring.
Interests: High end audio, sports, and everything feminine.
"I cherish my female side and TAPESTRY has helped me to understand and love the 'girl within.' Will correspond with sister to make new friends. Still in the closet, need to be pushed to a meeting."
Christine M. (NJ-1933)

Gloria R. (NJ-2699)

GLORIA R. (NJ) (#56)
Member: NYGA
Single male, 5'7", 145, mid-40's.
"Lifelong CD interested in meeting/corresponding all interested parties. Sincerity a must! Your photo gets mine."
G. Reah, P O Box 6904, Piscataway, NJ 08855 (NJ-2699)

Elena L.(NJ-1200)

ELENA LEWIS (NJ) (#57)
Member: Girls Night Out
Single TV, trim and petite. Intelligent, sensitive.
"Weekends are my special time. Active in NYC TG community. Seek friendship/relationship with mature man, based on dignity, respect, and shared values. Encourage others to write. Perhaps we could double date?"
Elena Davis, P O Box 4805, Clifton, NJ 07015 (NJ-1200)

STEPHANIE D. (S NJ) (#55)
SWM TS, 35, 5'5", 150. Enjoys cooking, sewing, antiques, gardening.
"I love to dress as woman, and would like to correspond and meet other TV's & TS's for friendship and support. I am a warm and caring person who understands the loneliness of not having anyone to share the feminine side of ourselves. I will keep your secret."
Stephanie D. (NJ-2527)

LISA MARTIN (N NJ) (#57)
"I am a MWM, 6'1", 175 lb. CD who loves feminine things, especially high heels.

Just recently, I've fully accepted my feminine side, and freed myself of guilty feelings. I'm anxious to develop some friendships for correspondence and occasional get-togethers, through which we can explore our feminine natures and dressing techniques. Some of my other interests include running, tennis, dancing, and the beach."

Lisa M. (NJ-1853)

SUE C. (NJ) (#55)

5'7", 150, well-proportioned and cute. Well educated, good writer.

"Since dressing up in my younger sister's clothing as a child, the attraction of dressing in teen and pre-teen clothing has only gotten stronger. I also love the idea of dressing in women's clothing. All members who have such interests and would like to correspond, please write. I will answer all promptly."

Sue C. (NJ-1774)

DEE J. (NJ) (#61)

Member: TGIC

Participant: Fantasia Fair, Poconos Weekend

SWM, TS, 6'0", 47, 170, educated, friend of Bill W. 8 years. Interests: Photography, going out, dancing, video, stock cars.

"Dressing since teens. Stopped many times. Have wardrobe, dress almost daily. Wish to meet TV/TS's, and those who care about us."

Dee J. (NJ-2337)

NEW YORK (090- 149-)

Joan F. (NY-1220)

JOAN FASHIONS (N NY) (#58)

Participant: Tiffany Club Spring Outing, TGIC April Shower Soiree

MWM TV/TG, 50's, retired.

"I live mostly as Joan. Travel NYC/NJ area for shopping, socials, etc. Family grown and understanding. Letters with photo will receive prompt response."

Joan Fashions, P.O. Box 1756 S. Rd Annex, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 (NY-1220)

RENEE' SLOCUM (W NY) (#57)

Member: CD-Network

5'11", 160, hetero SWM. Educated, shy, good sense of humor. Early 30's. Interests are photography, ballet, antiques, music. "Would like to hear from, and possibly meet with other CD's in the Geneva and Finger Lakes area. Maybe we can form a small support group. Been a CD for 20 years."

Renee' Slocum, Box 977, Geneva, NY 14456 (NY-0651)

Vickie S. (NY-1035)

VICKIE STONE (SE NY) (#56)

Member: LIFE, Chi Delta Mu

Hetero TV, 6', 185, attorney. Hobbies include writing (has published in Femme Mirror & Femanine, editor Lifelines), music (former pro musician - guitar & bass). Still enjoys song-writing. Home recordist, avid photographer. Has darkroom. Avid skier. Seeks fellow TV ski bums to ski NY, MA & VT. Enjoys NYC night clubs. Responds sooner or later. Enjoys helping novices.

Vickie Stone, Box 31, Hempstead, NY 11551 (NY-1035)

Gretchen L. (NY-1359)

GRETCHEN L. (W NY) (#61)

Participant: Fantasia Fair

6'1", blue eyes, 195, good figure. Enjoys bike riding, hiking and crossdressing.

"Would like to meet other TV's in the Buffalo NY area. Would like to have dinner out."

Gretchen L., P.O. Box 231, Celeron, NY 14720 (NY-1359)

MICHELLE P. (N NY) (#55)

Member: TGIC

Upstate NY TV. Adores everything feminine. Seeks TV's & women for friendship and possible meetings.

"Will answer all sincere letters."

Michelle P. (NY-1534)

FRANCINE LORRAINE C. (W NY) (#55)

SWM, 40's, 5'10", 170, dress conservatively. Likes hiking, cooking, history, outdoors, dressing up & being feminine.

"Would like to correspond with others like myself. Need to accept and understand being a TV. Would welcome all TV's passing through area. Can travel and visit others."

Francine Lorraine C. (NY-1584)

Angela S. (NY-0719)

ANGELA S. (W NY) (#56)

Member: EON, TVA

Participant: Tiffany Couples' Weekend, Joyce Dewhurst Poconos Outings, Coming Together

Awards: EON Pioneer Award

5'10", 190, brown hair, blue eyes, 40's. Baby-boomer. "Enjoy being a complete person. Sometimes passable, other times - who cares! Very active in W NY. Founder of EON."

Angela S. (NY-0719)

Susan H. (NY-1677)

SUSAN HOWARD (N NY) (#55)

Member: TGIC

Early 50's, 5'8", slender, bisexual. Love philosophy, poetry, reading, gardening. Published poet and writer.

"Would like friends in the Bennington VT, low Adirondack area of NY. Will answer correspondence. I enjoy my feminine side, dress up every chance I get, but can't come out."

Susan Howard, P.O. Box 92, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

MICHELLE M. (SE NY) (#56)

Member: L.I.F.E.

Events: Fantasia Fair '87, '88; Tiffany Spring Outing '88, IFGE Coming Together Convention '88

"Love to go out. Pass easily. Appearance is good, but need work on mannerisms and voice. Developing an integrated, androgenous personality. Love music, skiing, and all things feminine."

Michelle M. (NY-1818)

JULIE ANN C. (N NY) (#55)

Participant: FF '78, '88 & '89

Awards: "Best Girlfriend Award" (from my wife)

Hetero TV, 50's, 5'9". "Live out in the country in Northern NY and dress often. I also enjoy my Fantasia Fair trips with my adopted sister, Winnie B."

Julie Ann C. (NY-1695)

Connie T. (0434)

CONNIE TAYLOR (W NY) (#56)

MWM, elderly, hetero TV, 5'5", 125, with supportive wife. Likes clean-cut clothes and tall heels. Loves to correspond. All letters promptly answered.

Connie Taylor, Box 0734, Jamestown, NY 14702 (NY-0434)

Winnie B. (NY-0228)

WINNIE BRANT (N NY) (#55)

Member: Tiffany, Tri-Ess, TGIC

Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair

Hetero TV, 50+, 6'2". A lady. Has many interests. Scientifically and culturally oriented. Loves to travel.

Mr. W. Brant, Box 741, Schenectady, NY 12301 (NY-0228)

LYNDA D. (NY) (#56)

MWM TV, 37.

"Interested in writing to and meeting with others who are interested in crossdressing. Looking for someone who could help me with same."

Lynda D. (NY-0775)

Charliss D. (NY-1856)

CHARLISS D. (W NY) (#56)

Member: Tiffany, EON

Fairly new, attended events in Boston, Albany, Rochester. Single, educated, professional, world traveler. Likes adventure and meeting like-minded people.

"Strong feminine nature. 10 yr. 12-stepper. Interested in sharing and intimacy. Enjoy getting together. Respect expressions of individuality. A sharer willing to receive as well as give."

Charliss D. (NY-1856)

Bonnie H. (NY-1186)

BONNIE HOWARD (W NY) (#57)

Member: EON

Participant: TWSG P-town Weekend

42, 5'6", size 12, 135. Interests include sailing, golf, cross-country skiing, music.

"Enjoy married life, and a successful career. Bonnie is an important part of both! To share life's experiences with a slightly conservative, but stylish business woman - drop a line."

Bonnie H. (NY-1186)

STEPHANIE LYNN (N NY) (#56)

Member: Tri-Ess

5'9, 38, 180, dark blond hair, size 16. Interested in talking to a post-op TS and meeting to exchange thoughts.

"Enjoy being a girl 95% of the time, but I can't. Stephanie is a fun-loving girl. She has strong TS desires. She would enjoy being escorted out by a sensitive male. She is a conservative dresser, heels, hose, and pretty dresses. Will answer all."

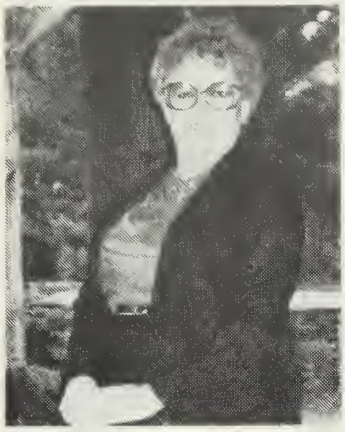
Stephanie Lynn (NY-1744)

TIFFANY S. (SE NY) (#55)

6', blue eyes, brown hair. No drugs, no alcohol.

"I am not gay or bi-, learning more about my female self. I am 29, and have been crossdressing as long as I can remember. I would like to meet others who could help me dress up. I am shy about my crossdressing, but have finally found the courage to accept myself for who I am. I'm just coming out for the first time."

Tiffany S. (NY-2246)



Trenna Marie M. (NY-0623)

TRENNA MARIE M. (W NY) (#55)

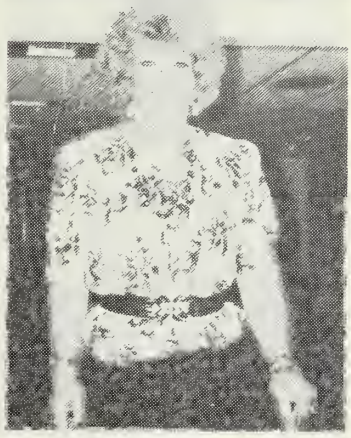
Member: Tri-Ess

Participant: Wine Country Weekend, Poconos Weekend, Muriel Olive Weekend

65, retired, 5'8", 185, hetero, married.

"Have been dressing 55 years, have supportive wife. Love to go out dressed, but can't in my area. Like to write and exchange photos."

Trenna Marie (NY-0623)



Delores M. (NY-0808)

DELORES MERHIGE (SE NY) (#57)

Member: Chi Delta Mu (past president), LIFE, Serenity, IFGE

Participant: Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E (1st runner-up, Miss Poconos), 'Coming Together', IFGE Convention.

Married, middle-aged, 5'10", medium build, engineer, life long TV. Wife quite supportive. "I love the fun part of the scene, and derive a lot of pleasure from it. Will write as often as I can."

D. Merhige, P.O. Box 327, Massapequa Park, NY 11762 (NY-0808)

LILIAN FRANK (NYC NY) (#55)

Long-time CD, 45.

"Would like to meet or correspond with any TV's or TS's (M-F or F-M) who feel there might be a 'spiritual dimension' to their condition."

Lilian F. (NY-2230)

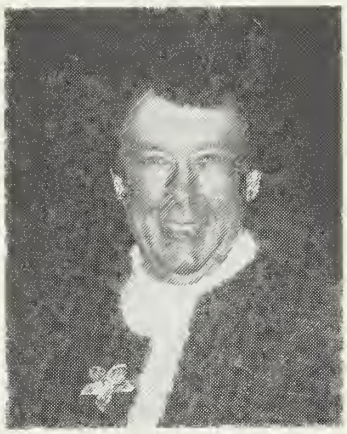
Lou B. (NY-1908)

LOU BETCHER (LI NY) (#56)

Bi WM, 46, 6'1", 168, brown/gray hair.

"Am interested in meeting TV/TS for get-togethers. Would appreciate a photo and how to contact. Photo will be returned upon request. I'm a little shy and submissive. All letters will be answered."

Lou Betcher, Box 501, Brentwood, NY 11717 (NY-1908)



Victoria N. (NY-1960)

VICTORIA LOUISE NORRELL (SE NY) (#55)

"I am Victoria and I love life. With care and planning I will effect my destiny, helping those that I can along the way. Dress, shop, dine, travel, go to concerts. I enjoy 'tinplate' railroading, and am very much in love with a beautiful woman named Carla. I live by my creed which is, 'I can never be a woman but I will never be anything less than a lady.' Will try to answer all. To all I wish PEACE of mind, of heart, of spirit."

Victoria N. (NY-1960)

NANCY WILLIAMS (NYC) (#55)

Attractive WASP, gay TV, 42, former college prof., likes ballet & opera.

"I'm seeking a male or TV for loving permanent relationship."

Bill Williams, P.O. Box 283, NY, NY 10021 (NY-2313)

BILLIE JAY WEST (APO NY) (#55)

Member: Renaissance

MWM, separated TV, 47, 6'2", 200, size 20, children grown and gone. Live alone, smoker, social drinker.

"Ready to come . Love being a girl. Dress at home as often as possible. Enjoy reading and writing erotic D/S fantasies. Would love to correspond with straight or bi, who enjoy the same. Photo appreciated."

Billie W. (APO-2374)

Marjorie T. (NY-2266)

MARJORIE THOMAS (NYC) (#55)

SWM, 34, 5'7", 130, very passable when made-up correctly, sz 8.

"I'm quite content to have both male and female personas. I have typical interests for both genders. When I'm dressed, I'm ultra-feminine. Still basically in the closet, I would like to meet others of my age in the NE section of the country. I am a private person and prefer discretion."

Marjorie T. (NY-2266)

Joanne S. (NY-2375)

JOANNE R. SILVERMAN (SE NY) (#56)

Member: CT Outreach Society

Married (she doesn't know), 50, 5'11", 190, conservative dresser. Advanced degrees. Shuns macho image. Caring, passable.

Interests: Photography, movies, theater, reading, travel.

"I would love to meet new friends in the NYC/Westchester area to share our common femininity. Will respond to all who write. Absolute discretion is promised."

Ms. Joanne R. Silverman, P.O. Box 374, Millwood, NY 10546 (NY-2375)

JUDITH B. (N NY) (#55)

White bi TV, 335, 48, health & hygiene conscious. Seeks right male, female, M/F couple, or TV for romantic times.

"I like to be treated as the total woman I could be. No drugs. Please send detailed letter with picture & phone #."

Judith B. (NY-1678)

SANDY W. (W NY) (#55)

Shy. Interests: Auto repair, running, skiing, bike riding, tennis.

Sandy W. (NY-2371)

JULIE THOMPSON (W NY) (#55)

SWM (widowed), 47, 5'9". Just starting out of the closet, shy, still nervous and in need of guidance.

"Would like to meet TV/TS and women for discreet evenings. I golf (I hit the ball a lot), dabble in photography, and am an avid reader (spy novels). Love CD almost as much as flying. Expanding my wardrobe is top priority. Please write. Will answer all quickly so we can share and enjoy ourselves as sisters."

Julie Thompson, P.O. Box 896, Buffalo, NY 14205 (NY-2394)

Veronica M. (NY-2482)

VERONICA MARTIN (N NY) (#55)

Member: TGIC

SWM hetero TV, 5'9", 160, slowly coming out of closet.

"Enjoy dressing up in very feminine party dresses and full skirts with petticoats and crinolines. Also enjoy music and most sports. Would love to meet and/or correspond with real females with feelings and understanding to enhance my femininity and masculinity. I have my own house all to myself."

Veronica Martin (NY-2482)

Jan E. (NY-2448)

JAN MARIE E. (NYC) (#56)

Member: TGIC

Participant: Poconos

Brown hair, blue eyes, 5'6", 160, 33.

"I love all things feminine, shopping, dining, sports, and travel. Just coming out. Wife doesn't accept. Life-long TV with TS feelings. Need help with makeup and friends."

Jan Marie E. (NY-2443)

MARSHA W. (NYC) (#55)

Hetero CD.

"Would like my wife to meet other Spanish speaking wives whose husbands crossdress. I would like to attend group discussions with others like me."

H. Winston, P.O. Box 1311 Wall St. Sta., NY, NY 10268 (NY-2491)

Heidi C. (NY-2522)

HEIDI ANN COBART (N NY) (#56)

Married, 34, transgendered.

"Have been dressing all my life. Could not have gotten as far as I have without a lot of supportive counseling, friends, and a loving wife, and most recently an accepting mother-in-law. Am a very feminine dresser, and love to express that part of myself as much as possible. My wife and I are looking forward to hearing from other individuals and married couples who share this."

Heidi Ann C. (NY-2522)

Josephine C. (NY-0880)

JOSEPHINE (SE NY) (#57)

Member: Tiffany, Tri-Ess, ABC, CDM/NY

Participant: Principal events in US and Europe.

Hetero, married, middle-aged, 5'10", engineer. "Very long life as a TV. Love shopping and going out for dinner, gardening, cooking, photography, and housekeeping. Travel a lot, and enjoy meeting others. Will reply to all mail, and would like to exchange photos. Looking for company to go out en femme with."

J. Chara, P.O. Box 671, Tarrytown, NY 10591 (NY-0880)

ALEXANDRA McKAY (NYC) (#55)

Member: CT Outreach

41, 6', 245, white. Seeks friends in Staten Island, Elizabeth, Bayonne, NYC, Brooklyn, Queens. Enjoy classical music, war games, science fiction & computers.

Alexandra McKay, P.O. Box 140297, Staten Island, NY 10314 (NY-2466)

JENNIFER B. (LI NY) (#56)

SWM, 41, 5'9", TV.

Interests: Metaphysics, psychology, reading, fashions.

"Shy novice trying to bloom. Love lingerie, corsets, feminine costumes and fantasies. Seek meetings and correspondence with TV's and TS's or anyone with like interests. Live on Long Island."

Jennifer B. (NY-2441)

TERRI SHANNON (W NY) (#56)

SWM pre-op TS, 42, 5'10", usually brown hair. Enjoys motorcycling, camping, photography, modeling, tall males, and M-F couples. Personable, although sometimes shy-to-introspective.

"Passable, yet seek new and understanding friends, and couples. Travel NY State and Eastern Ontario, extensively and seek escorts and friends. Love to model my large wardrobe. Will meet New Yorkers and Ontarians who send photo and letter of interests."

Ms. Teri Shannon, P.O. Box 1091, Ogdensburg, NY 13669 (NY-1906)

Gloria F. (NY-1358)

GLORIA F. (N NY) (#56)

SWM, late 50's, 5'8", 155, semi-androgynized GTV, on hormones, quiet, educated, simple tastes.

"A lifelong TV, I enjoy all aspects of the feminine lifestyle. Interests include outdoors activities, photography, classical music, opera, homelife, and crossdressing. Live alone, and dress as I wish. Looking for new friends."

G. Fuhrman, P.O. Box 60, North River, NY, 12856 (NY-1358)

LAURA STONE (W NY) (#56)

5'10", 45, 150, TV, hetero. Interests include art, movies, good food and fashion.

"Interested in corresponding with other TV's in the Northeast; travel a lot and would like to visit with others when in their location."

Laura Stone, P.O. Box 482, Amherst, NY 14226 (NY-1924)

BARBARA V. (W NY) (#55)

WM, 5'11", 160, 42. Enjoys astronomy and boating.

"Would like to meet a transsexual who has gone through or is going through the process of becoming a female. Prefer from upstate NY."

Barbara V. (NY-2511)

DENISE D. (W NY) (#55)

5'11", 175, nice shape. Love to dress up. "I am on hormones, and totally feminine. First ad. Please send photo & telephone #, & I will do the same."

Denise Downton, Box 2802, Binghamton, NY 13902-9998 (NY-2513)

MAUREEN (C NY) (#56)

Member: EON

Educated, professional, single, middle-age, 6'2", 220. Interested in music, opera, theater - the arts in general, and travel.

"Would love to meet others in the area, and on the East coast. Value friendship, honesty, and discretion. Enjoy evening gowns and lovely furs. Furs are my passion."

Maureen (NY-2697)

Victoria W. (NY-2597)

VICTORIA M. WEBER (LI NY) (#56)

Member: formerly of IXE

SWM, 30, hetero. Brown hair, size 16 tall. "Trying to come out of the closet boldly-but only succeeding timidly. Enjoy computers, role-playing games, science fiction (esp. Star-Trek), and all fabulous, fun, frilly, feminine finery! Big fan of Lane Bryant and Lerner catalogs and stores."

V. Weber (NY-2597)

Cosntance L. (NY-1929)

CONSTANCE LEE (W NY) (#57)

MWM, 38.

"I just love writing to and hearing from all my sisters, new and old. Anxious to call you 'friend,' and to be known as such."

C. Lee, P.O. Box 368, Derby, NY 14047-0368 (NY-1929)

CHRISTINA SCHULTZ (LI NY) (#57)

Single, hetero TV. Early thirties, 5'8", 140. Interested in rock and classical music, science fiction, and computers.

"Have been dressing since childhood, but still need help working on my feminine image. Looking to make some new friends."

Chris S., Box 233, Lindenhurst, NY 11757 (NY-1981)

Danielle A. (NY-2695)

DANIELLE AZCET (LI NY) (#56)

Member: IFGE (supporting)

36 year old single white male TV, TS leanings. First listing.

"I try to communicate with others, only recently facing my dilemma. Have lived a solitary existence, never married, but realize that life is to be lived, not merely existed. Would like to share my life with my complement, if that person is out there."

Danielle A., Suite 1109, 339 Middle Country Road, Selden, NY 11784 (NY-2695)

Joanna P. (NY-0973)

JOANNA PAULINE (W NY) (#56)

Member: Rochester CD-Network, Tri-Ess.

Hetero TV, born 1948, married 1972, 2 children, engineer. Interests: photography, cinema, home video, gardening, swimming. "CD since the age 12. Married '72, told wife '86. She has grown more tolerant, but doesn't want to see me as Jodie. Daughters 14 and 8. Older knows and accepts. Am membership coordinator of the Rochester CD-Network, a local support group for TV's and TS's."

Joanna Pauline, P.O. Box 15731, Rochester, NY 14615, (NY-0973)

RICKY HUNT (W NY) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess

6'1", 250, married, two kids, all know and accept. Interested in computers, photography, sci-fi, folk music, and writing.

"As with most things, I am an oddball, even among my sisters. Writing as 'The Bearded Lady,' I concentrate on the humorous side of our hobby. Although an irregular letter-writer, I always answer, and enjoy hearing from anyone."

Ricky H., Box 10003, Brighton, NY 14610 (NY-1044)

GLORIA F. (LI NY) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess

60, retired HS teacher, size 22, interested in bridge, opera, ballet, and women's clothing. Wife knows, but objects.

"I would especially like to receive letters for my wife Mary, from wives, describing how they felt when they found out about their husbands' crossdressing, and explaining how they adjusted."

Gloria F. (NY-2711)

LEIGH ANNE KOSLEY (E NY) (#57)

41, 6'2", 210, hazel eyes, size 18 dress and size 14 shoe. Active military. Interests include theater, model railroads, music, aerobics, and racketball.

"Interested in correspondence with others of the same interest. Would also like to meet a woman who would like to share the same likes and life."

Leigh Anne K. (NY-1971)

Sharon S. (NY-2848)

SHARON ANN STUART (E NY) (#57)

Member: TGIC

Participant: Dreams, Texas "T" Party

Awards: Miss Dream Congeniality, 1977

MWM, 6'0", 170, 50, size 14,16, blue eyes, brunette or redhead.

"CD since age 4. Virginia Prince let me out of the closet in 1967. Share file of original TV stories. Enjoy dressing and going out. Wife understands and tolerates but participates rarely."

Sharon Ann Stuart, P.O. Box 870, Oneonta, NY, 13820 (NY-2848)

CHARLEY R. (E NY) (#57)

Member: TV Entertainers of Albany

5'11", 240, ash blonde, blue eyes, poor, bisexual. Interests: reading, writing, and cable TV. "Love to write letters, and want to make friends. Can't pass in public, too poor for electrolysis. Want to meet others. Am just coming out of the closet."

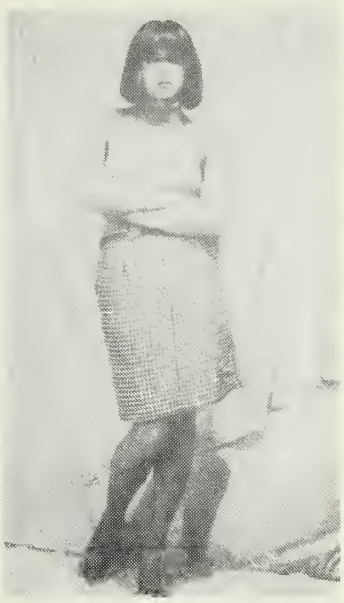
Charley R. (NY-2773)

FRAN BALLEN (LI NY) (#57)

Member: Eulenspiegel Society

SWM, TV, 5'9", 150, 49. Love to go to discos. History buff. "Like to meet fellow TV's for girl talk and dressing up; would also like advice on improving my femininity. Would enjoy going out with sisters from the NY, CT, NJ, and Long Island area. Very discrete."

Fran B. (NY-2781)



Barbara P. (NY-2361)

BARBARA P. (NY) (#55)

Member: TCNE

"Young lookin', young thinkin' CD, attractive as both boy and girl, exploring new things after a difficult lifetime of hiding. Now I wanna have fun!!! Wish I could be passable enough to go to museums and cultural events. Would like to hear from others for mutual support, especially form ACoAs and genetic women. I am a caring and private person."

Barbara P. (NY-2361)

Jan V. (NY-1187)

JAN ALYCE V. (NYC) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess

Participant: Poconos Weekend, Tri-Ess Holiday En Femme

Single, 43, 5'11", 195.

Interests: Opera, classical music, shows, long-distance running. "I enjoy being out as a lady to the opera and museums. Also shopping and nights out at comfortable cabarets and restaurants in Manhattan. Would enjoy sharing experiences."

Jan Alyce V. (NY-1187)

PAIGE K. (W NY) (#57)

Member: Toronto CD Club

SWM, 42, 5'10", 155, hetero.

"I love being feminine and out of the closet. Would like to attend parties, club meetings. Interested in connecting with other TV's, TS's, or women who support TV's emotionally in western NY."

Paige K. (NY-2846)

Jill D. (NY-2852)

JILL DIAMOND (LI-NY) (#57)

SWM, 40, 5'7", 140, very passable.

"I enjoy quiet evenings by the fire, or out on-the-town. I have aspirations of living full-time as female. I have a very understanding ex-spouse. We've been out of the mainstream for a few years and just now are getting back into the 'flow.' The best of both worlds. Would like to meet and correspond with other TV's/TS's and their 'mates.' Travel extensively."

Jill D. (NY-2852)

Nancy H. (NY-2851)

NANCY ANN HOWES (W NY) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess, CD Network, TCNE

MWM, 45, married to a wonderful supportive wife. Have been dressing all my life. Interests: Movies, Hollywood, music, sports. "Willing to exchange ideas, experiences, and photos with others who enjoy all that is feminine. Will respond quickly to all that write. No sex letters. Let's talk girl talk!!!!"

Nancy Ann Howes, P.O. Box 16127, Rochester, NY 14616 (NY-2851)

HEATHER A. (LI-NY) (#56)

Member: LIFE

DWM, 42, 6', size 16, fair complexion, brown eyes, slender. "Enjoy fine dining, music, computer games, and bowling. TV since childhood. Like lingerie, and looking feminine. Pass and go out. Like to meet TV's, women who like TV's, and F-M TV's. Interested in meeting people form Suffolk County. Try to answer all."

Heather, A., P.O. Box 417, Upton, NY 11973 (NY-2859)

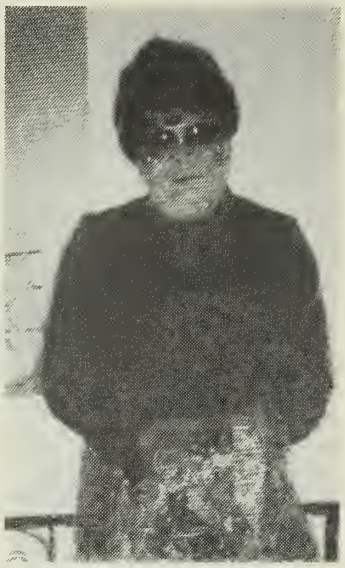
Sandi T. (NY-2902)

SANDI T. (NYC) (#58)
Member: Metamorphosis
5'11", blond with blue-green eyes, 140. Feminine TV, pre-op TS. Recently started estrogen therapy, and will remain pre-operative. "I enjoy the exciting chemistry of the male-female relationship. I'm looking for an affectionate, decent man over 6' for a long-term relationship."
Sandi T. (NY-2902)

Carol T. (NY-2910)

CAROL TAYLOR (C NY) (#57)
Member: Eon, TCNE
Participant: Tiffany P-Town WSG (6 yrs.), 'Coming Together' '90
MWM, 40 something, 5'9", 160, size 16.
Interests: Femininity, writing (about CDing), boating. "Married to a supportive (but not delighted) wife. Love everything feminine and enjoy corresponding. Like to share photos. Believe this practice should be enjoyable, not painful."
Carol T. (NY-2910)

LYNN K. (NY) (#59)
5'7", 35, 135, TS
Interests: Photography, sailing, making new friends, reading.
"I am a recently emerged TS. I would like to meet other GG's, TV's, or TS's to share ideas on dressing, getting out, shopping. I am developing my female persona toward being a woman 100% of the time. All responses answered."
Lynn K., P.O. Box 1172, Amherst, NY 14226



Joanne E. (NY-1224)

JOANNE MARIE (NY) (#58)
Member: Tri-Ess
6', 250, 57, married, lifelong CD. Wife knows and is somewhat supportive.
"I'm a big girl who loves everything feminine from min-skirts to evening gowns. I enjoy meeting other CD's and corresponding and exchanging photos."
J. Enright, P.O. Box 251, Shrub Oak, NY 10588 (NY-1224)

Susan A. (NY-2978)

SUSAN AVISHNA (LI NY) (#57)
Mid 40's, hetero, good sense of humor, 5'8", 160, brown hair, hazel eyes.
Interests: CD group, photography, writing. Love auto racing.
"Would like to make friends for dressing and photos. Have passed. Sincere, honest, and friendly. Not interested in vulgar photos, or in dating men. Any help or advice would be appreciated. Travel north, east and west coasts. Photos please."
Susan Avishna (NY-2978)

EMILY L. (NY) (#57)
MWM, 45, hetero.
"Just emerging with the help of supportive wife. Emily is excited to be alive, and is looking forward to making new friends who share her special thoughts. Looking for a group in Central NY. Your letter will get a quick response. Photo encouraged."
Emily L. (NY-2966)

KIM CODY (NY) (#58)
MWM, 49, 6'2", 180, lifelong CD.
"I'm out of the closet, but would like to leave the house. I'd like to spend the day at a beauty salon having my hair cut, set, and permed, to have my nails polished while sitting under the dryers with the other ladies and to top it off by having my make-up done before going out for the evening. Supportive wife and I would like to correspond and meet with other couples."
Kim Cody (NY-2927)

DENISE M. (NY) (#58)
Member: Tri-Ess.
43, 6'1", degreed, life-long CD, single, discrete, good humored, own small business, straight. Interests: Golf, volley ball, architecture. "Would like to meet others. Need make up help/practice. Seldom get chance to do it. Dress most evenings. Where can I buy Misses tall sizes (18-20)? Lane Bryant seems to be dropping talls."
Denise Miller, PO Box 361, Amherst, NY 14226-0361 (NY-2974)

PENNSYLVANIA (150- 196-)

Sheila K. (PA-0336)

SHEILA KIRK (W PA) (#99)
IFGE Board of Directors (Executive Committee), 'Coming Together' Staff
Member: Tiffany Club, TransPitt, Paradise
Participant: Everything
Attractive TV, dedicated to this wonderful joy of dressing. "I work very hard, so moments of relaxation and pleasure of this sort are precious to me. I love being a TV, and I'm eager to meet many others who delight in the same feelings."
Sheila K. (PA-0336)

CATHERINE ROSEMARY D. (E PA) (#56)
Member: Outreach
SWM hetero crossdresser, 60+, 5'9", 190. "It's unlikely that I would pass, but am interested in the world of the crossdresser, and would like to get acquainted."
Catherine D. (PA-0748)

Janet R. (PA-1879)

JANET ROSE (PA) (#57)
Participant: Be All
WM TV, 47, 5'11", 149.
Interests: B siness, race cars, domestic chores, crossdressing. "I do turn into an exhibitionist in front of a camera. Would love to meet mature, understanding women for fun and friendship. Girlfriend also interested in meeting CD's wives. I have come a long way in the last 30 years. Hope I can go much further!"
Janet Rose (PA-1879)

Robin F. (PA-0932)

ROBIN FREY (E PA) (#56)
Member: Renaissance
"42-year-old pre-op would love to find employment and live full-time as a female. Free to travel; would love other TV's and TS's to give me a call."
Robin, Box 2072, Southeastern, PA 19399 (PA-0932)

DAVIDA T. (E PA) (#56)
SWM, 39, shy and discreet.
"Just starting to come out, thanks to a few friends. Enjoy spending my free time being as feminine as possible. I'm seeking friends who would like to share that time with me."
Davida T. (PA-0944)

JENNIFER WHITE (W PA) (#56)
Member: TransPitt, Paradise
Participant: 'Be All'
5'10", 170, brown hair, green eyes.
Interests: Sports, fashion, writing, photography. "Looking for males for escorts, CD's for shopping, going out, etc. Nothing bizarre, please."
Jennifer White (PA-1722)

ROBIN F. (W PA) (#61)
SWM, early forties, 6', 175. Professional with graduate degree.
Interests: Psychology of cross-dress-

ing fantasies.

"Recently had my first make over. Enjoy dancing in full skirts and petticoats. Also like showing off my legs in minis and heels. Appreciate assistance from other cross-dressers and women who would help me integrate my anima and my animus.

Robin F. (PA-2020)

Alison L. (PA-1242)

ALISON LAING (E PA) (#58)

Member: Renaissance

Awards: FF Miss Congeniality

Middle age, middle sized, life-long CD. Married. Wonderful, supportive spouse. Enjoys arts and crafts. Loves to shop at flea markets and antique shops, good food, wine, travel and dancing. "Take my gender shift seriously, and work hard to be unobtrusive, if not passable. I try to have lots of fun and at the same time help make others in our community happy."

Alison Laing, P.O. Box 635, Phoenixville, PA 19460 (PA-1242)

Harriet (PA-1623)

HARRIET (W PA) (#55)

Member: Transpitt

Tall, thin, caring professional, size 16T, 46, athletic. "I think Shelly Tall Girl shops are 'almost heaven.' My dream is to play tennis with Renee Richards."

Harriet (PA-1623)

SUE ANN S. (C PA) (#55)

SWM hetero TV, 5'9", 150, 45.

"Interested in meeting TV's, TS's, & women for dining, dancing, shopping, girl talk, etc. No drugs or heavy drinkers."

Sue Ann S. (PA-1458)

CAMMILLE S. (W PA) (#58)

Rather middle aged (40's), plumpish leather freak who, for the most part, is closet bound. "I love to get letters, though often forget to respond to them. I try to emulate '50s type woman, heavily padded, dressed too warmly, overly made-up, and overweight (not by design). Also like satin when found, and total feminine appearance."

Cammille S. (PA-1274)

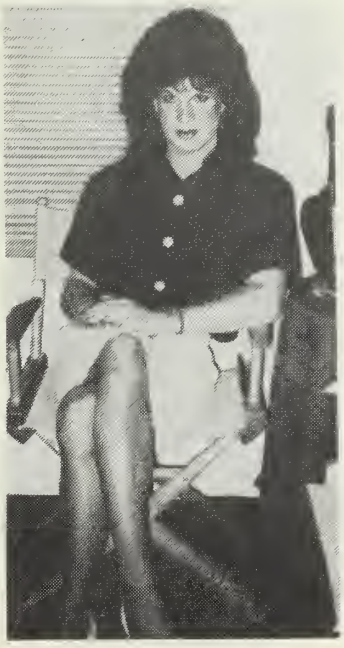
Mary Ann K. (PA-1531)

MARYANN KIRKLAND (E PA) (#55)

Member: Renaissance

MWM hetero TV, 5'11", late 30's, auburn hair, and brown eyes. Interests: Classical ballet, opera, 19th century literature, fine wines, shopping & partying with other sisters. "Willing to work to create a positive image of crossdressing. Fond of full skirts, petticoats, and hair ornaments. Interested people should write."

Maryann Kirkland, Suite 401, New Woman Marketplace, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077 (PA-1531)



Brenda D. (PA-2252)

BRENDA DAVIDSON (C PA) (#58)

Member: LSV Chapter Renaissance (Chapter leader)

Participant: Annual LSV Luau

Awards: 1990 Renaissance Meritorious Service Award.

Married TV, 28, 5'8", 145.

"Have appeared on local talk shows and the Evening Magazine. Have an understanding wife. Able to be Brenda and try to make this visible to others."

Brenda Davidson, P.O. Box 383, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 (PA-2252)

Sue C. (PA-1536)

SUE C. (C PA) (#55)

Member: Tri-Ess

Participant: Poconos Weekend

58, 140, 5'10", CD for many years. Supportive wife.

"Interested in writing to & meeting others who enjoy their femininity. Have had some of the girls visit us for the weekend. No sexually oriented letters, please, but will answer all others."

Sue C. (PA-1536)

Hiliary C. (PA-2387)

HILLARY C. (E PA) (#56)

Member: Renaissance

Participant: Paradise In The Poconos

Single TV, 5'10", 145, 24, brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoys dancing, sharing feelings, music, comedy and old movies.

"Want to meet a passable, caring TV to share the joys of being a woman. Would like to exchange photos, stories, and dreams."

H. Conway, P.O. Box 1556, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703 (PA-2387)

JAMIE W. (C PA) (#56)

Member: Renaissance

5'10", 180, 50's. Enjoys cross-dressing, leather, & high heels. New to the sisterhood.

Occupant, P.O. Box "J", Hershey, PA 17033 (PA-2383)

W.D.A. (E PA) (#56)

Member: Renaissance-Reading

Bi WM, 38, 5'7", stocky build, brown hair, green eyes. Interests: Fine dining, walks, jazz, dancing, and theater. "Although I have not crossdressed, am attracted to those who do. Would like to date TV's/TS's to learn more of the TV/TS culture."

W.D.A. (PA-2464)

Sharon M. (PA-2326)

SHARON M. (E PA) (#55)

Member: Renaissance

SWM, 32, 5'10", 145. Lives in Phila. area. Attractive, non-smoker, serious writer. Interested in correspondence and dating females and "T" people.

"Cross-dressing has come between my last two girlfriends and me. Time to start finding friends who understand."

Sharon M. (PA-2326)

Craig S. (PA-1977)

CRAIG SAMSON (E PA) (#58)

SWM, 6', 185, 35, athletically built and masculine in disposition.

"I am seeking very feminine TV's or TS's between the ages of 21 to 30 to meet & develop possible long term relationships with. I work in construction & will travel any distance for that special person. Please send photo & phone. Will answer all those who meet my requirements."

Craig S. (PA-1977)

MICHELLE D. (SE PA) (#56)

MWM, 38, 5'10", 185, college-educated professional. Enjoy fine lingerie, satin dresses, and high heels. Married to accepting and helpful wife. "I'm a novice, and have never been out. Would like to correspond with other married couples concerning CD relationships."

Michelle D. (PA-2623)

PHYLLIS (W PA) (#56)

5'11", 36, white CD. Interested in skiing, art, music, guitar, trips to the country.

"Began CD as a pre-teen. Cross-dress as frequently as possible, but afraid to go out in public. My need for crossdressing is increasing. Feel alone, and would like to write others to share interests and feelings."

P.W., P.O. Box 18413, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 (PA-2770)

Pamela D. (PA-2455)

PAMELA DRESSER (W PA) (#56)

Member: Tri-Ess, Alpha-Omega.

Events attended: Texas "T" Party.

MWM, hetero, 5'10", 148, 45, size 12. Professionally employed. Wife tolerant.

"Would love to correspond with any CD's who enjoy the non-sexual pleasures of feminine expression. My dream is to eventually locate enough hetero CD's to form a local self-support group."

R. Dresser, 2115 W. 8th St. Suite 261, Erie, PA 16505 (PA-2455)

Cindy H. (PA-0952)

CINDY H. (E PA) (#56)

Member: Renaissance, Phila. TS Support

Participant: 'Coming Together'

Pre-op TS, 5'9", 175, brown hair, eyes, hormones, electrolysis. Interests: Meeting masculine white males, music, videos, shopping, intimate dating.

"Enjoy living as a woman. I've always considered myself to be female, appear female when going out in public."

Cindy H. (PA-0952)

Louise W. (PA-2806)

LOUISE W. (PA) (#57)

MWM, 5'6", 190, blond hair, blue eyes, non-passable, mid-40's. Interests: Golf, music, writing. "I am new to the TV scene. Louise has been hiding for 40 years. Would love to correspond or meet to visit. Will really answer all letters. Wife totally nonsupportive, so I am very much in closet, but looking for supportive sisters! I travel to Ohio, western NY, western PA, and Detroit."

L. Worth, P.O. Box 79016, Pittsburgh, PA 15216 (PA-2806)

MISHA ROBERTS (PA) (#57)

SWM, 5'11", 29, hetero.

"Very feminine and cute. Looking to correspond and meet the same."

Misha R. (PA-2882)

CHERYL ANN WALTERS (PA) (#57)

Single TV, 23, 5'10", 145, auburn hair, blue eyes.

Interests: Music, dancing, outdoors, current events, sports (especially soccer and basketball).

"I am an easy going, clean, loving, and sincere individual. I want to experience as truly as I can what it's like to be a woman. Still very much 'in the closet' and, due to family, do not dress at home. Would like to correspond with TV's, TS's, GG's."

Cheryl Ann Walters, P.O. Box 14333, Phila., PA 19115 (PA-2811)

REBECCA L. (PA) (59)

33, 5'11", 158, brown eyes, brunette, nondrinker, nonsmoker, pretty and passable, married, one child. Interests: Quiet walks, the arts, psychology. "As a lifelong CD, I am now just beginning to feel more confidence and understanding within myself. Unfortunately, I am still very much in the proverbial 'closet.' Interested in hormonal and sociological experience of transformation."

Rebecca L. (PA-2808)

DELAWARE (197-199-)

Phyllis L. (DE-0931)

PHYLLIS V. LARSON (DE) (#55)

Member: Tri-Ess

60, 6', 180, married 40 years to understanding wife. Self employed, often dresses in home & office, sleeps en femme. Electrolysis completed, active in sailing, has raced the Newport to Bermuda race, active in Protestant church. FAA rated pilot, resides in Southern Delaware. Letters answered.

Phyllis L. (DE-0931)

AUDREY J. STEELE (DE) (#55)

Member: Tri-Ess

Participant: 'Holiday En Femme'

WWM TV, 5'10", 195, 54, blue eyes, brown hair. "Almost out of the closet. Mother knows and accepts me as Audrey. 3 adult children don't yet. Love all facets of cross-dressing. Like photography, meeting other CD's, writing to CD's, making new friends. Will answer. Please write."

Audrey S. (DE-2434)

Emily S. (DE-0629)

EMILY SHELDON (N DE) (#57)

Member: Renaissance

Participant: Fantasia Fair, IFGE Convention, Paradise in Poconos.

Mature TV (50), pass easily in public. Enjoy fashion, friends, fun, helping others get out of the closet. Attend 2-3 TV meetings/month, 2-3 major TV events/year.

"Looking for passable girlfriends to go out with, as well as roommates to share expenses. Seek correspondence."

E. Sheldon, P.O. Box 4457, Greenville, DE 19807 (DE-0629)

Leslie F. (DE-2425)

LESLIE FAIRMONT (N DE) (#59)

Member: Renaissance.

DWM, TV/TS, 12/6/40, 5'6", 135, blue eyes. "Pass easily in public. Have gone shopping, dining, clubbing, and sightseeing en femme. Attend 2 or 3 meetings per month. Seeking other sisters. Interested in all aspects of femininity. Not macho, but willing to 'push the envelop.' Intelligent, warm, caring, imaginative person with a sense of humor."

Occupant, P O Box 5093, Wilmington, DE 19808 (DE-2425)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (200-205-)

Roberta L. (DC-0972)

ROBERTA LEWIS (DC) (#56)

Member: Washington-Baltimore Alliance

DBM, 38, 6'2", 200. Interests: Cycling, latest hits, going out, visiting the 'Big Apple.'

"Even though the WBA takes a lot of my time, I still will find time to answer letters (please, only from CD's and transgendered persons). I still want to hear from other black CD's."

R. Lewis, P.O. Box 50724, Washington, DC 20004-0724 (DC-0972)

Mary Janice N. (DC-1976)

MARY JANICE (DC) (#58)

SWM, 42, 5'6", 154.

"I love all things feminine: classic dresses - especially with lace and Peter Pan collars, girl talk, and shopping. Very active in Gay and Lesbian issues. College educated. Travel the US extensively. Seeking friends anywhere in the United States. Will start pre-op in the fall of '91. Will answer all who write. Photos appreciated. Sincerity a must!"

M. Janice Nicase, AAVV, PO Box 27286, Washington, DC 20038-7286 (DC-2976)

TOM D. (DC) (#55)

WM, 5'9", 165, 50, light brown hair, blue eyes, fair to good looks. Stable, sincere, in good shape. "Worked hard, traveled a lot, now ready to settle down and enjoy being with and caring for attractive and contented TS. I want to appreciate the opportunities of being there for you when-

ever it counts. Many interests and likes, actual and potential. All answered."
Tom D. (DC-2209)

MARY ELLEN K. (DC) (#57)
MWM, late 50's, with more grey hair than I would like, matronly when dressed.
Interests: music, travel books, Sandy Thomas fiction stories.
"I do not have the opportunity to dress often because of the family situation at home, but I do have an understanding wife. I wear underthings regularly and enjoy that. Would like to correspond and share with others in like situations!"
E. M. Kelly, P.O. Box 44900, Washington, D.C. 20026 (DC-1438)

CHRISTINA FERRANTE (DC) (#58)
SWM, 25, blond, 5'10". Young coed, sweet, shy, yet sexy. "I enjoy cocktail parties, soap operas, shopping, and miniskirts. I'm waiting for my Edward Lewis to make me his 'Pretty Woman.' I'd love to hear from you all out there, and look forward to exchanging photos and stories."
Christina Ferrante, P.O. Box 42298, Washington, D.C. 20015 (DC-2906)

MARYLAND (206- 218-)

Ricki F. (MD-2137)
RICKI ANN (MD) (#57)
MWM, 56, retired Catholic. Married 33 years. Interests include computers, ham radio, design and building, sci-fi, fantasy.
"All mail answered."
Ricki F. (MD-2137)

MICHELLE LYNN GERALD (MD) (#57)
TS, 32.
"I enjoy reading, writing, cooking, and photography. Am a shy and caring soul who desires to correspond with anyone in the TV/TS community. Beginning trek toward the adoption of a feminine lifestyle. Would be grateful for any assistance. I promise to quickly respond to any (and all!) inquiries I may receive."
Michelle Gerald, P.O. Box 11737, Baltimore, MD 21206-0337 (MD-2168

STEPHANIE (MD) (#57)
Married, 6'0", young-looking 41, TV-repressed TS. Interests: Breeding and exhibiting purebred dogs. "Have been a serious collector of TV/TS literature for 23+ years. Fond of forced feminization themes. Naturally, I also have a closet full of petticoats and crinolines! Married my HS sweetheart 20 years ago and 'confessed' before the wedding. She is an 'A+'. Can't leave the closet but would love to correspond."
Stephanie (MD-1857)

Nancy B. (MD-2046)
NANCY ANN B. (MD) (#58)
Member. Supporting Member-IFGE, Delti Chi, Washington-Baltimore Alliance, Tri-Ess
Participant: Fantasia Fair
Brown hair (touch of grey), 5'9", 160, young senior citizen. Interests: Writing to sisters (non-sexual), crossdressing and helping at meetings, water volleyball, volunteer work. "Love wedding dresses, square dance dresses. Love gowns, stockings, slip, panties and lacy white and pink slippers."
Nancy Ann B. (MD-2046)

Eleanor O. (MD-2747)
ELEANOR O. (C MD) (#56)
WMTV, 41, 5'10", 170, blue eyes, brown hair.
"I have been dressing for 25+ years, but only accepted this part of my nature 10 years ago. Dress often. I like the professional, feminine, conservative style, which fits my nature as a management woman. Hope to meet and/or correspond with other TV-CD's and TS's. Will respond to all who write."
Eleanor O. (MD-2747)

Julia C. (MD-2739)
JULIA CYBELE (C MD) (#57)
Member. IFGE, My Choice, Daughters of Isis, Mensa.
Participant: Texas 'T' Party.
1952 Libra, 5'10", 180, dark blonde tresses; sensitive, feminine INFP; slowly emerging TS. Interests include classical and new-age music; cosmetology and cosmology, goddess adoration; reincarnation; the numinous, mystical and transcendent; beauty to all the senses, sunsets, teas, cultures of Antiquity; science-fiction, penfriends; girl-talk, and the joy of laughter.
Julia C. (MD-2739)

Diane F. (MD-2229)
DIANE FERN (MD) (#58)
"I am a mature androgenous TV with transgender inclinations. I'm married to a very supportive wife. I enjoy gourmet cooking, 'cool' and progressive jazz, walks on the beach, sailing, and small social get-togethers. I dress virtually every day. I reside in Annapolis, and look forward to meeting people in the MD, DC, VA, or PA area interested in the TV/TG lifestyle and sharing gender euphoria."
Diane F. (MD-2229)

LISA N. (C MD) (#57)
MWM, 5'9", 40.
"I have been crossdressing since I can remember, but now I need a new beginning; a search for the real me. It's been a few years since I've gone out in public dressed - help! Wife is generally tolerant but infrequently supportive. Would sincerely enjoy corresponding with other TV's, and would enjoy meeting with those in DC/Balt./So. Md. area. I'm a friend of Bill W."
Lisa N. (MD-2640)

Barbara A. (MD-2795)
BARBARA A. (MD) (#57)
Member. D.C.E.A.
TV, 5'10", 140 lbs., blond hair, blue eyes. Travel frequently to CA, Co, FL, and Al. "Interested in corresponding with others and making new friends."
Barbara A., P.O. Box 3255, Laural, MD 20709 (MD-2795)

Lynn B. (MD-2931)
LYNN B. (MD) (#58)
Member. Tri-Ess
Participant: Poconos Weekend
6', 175, 60, hetero TV, married, supportive wife. Interests: Good music, photograpghy, fishing, string art. "Been CD since age 13. Mother found out when I was 11. Interested in meeting others, couples, for friendship and support. All CD's in MD, DE, VI, come on out, to have our own chapter!"
Lynn B. (MD-2931)

ROSA R. (C MD) (#57)
6'1", 195, 60, widowed 11 years.
"Not passable at present. Interest in being very buxom. Would enjoy writing to all who share these feelings. Into dressing feminine on most evenings. Enjoy relaxing in heels, stockings, lingerie, wigs. Will correspond with all who like 'girl-talk' concerning same. Would like to correspond with she-males, also."
Rosa R. (MD-2653)

ANN MILLER (C MD) (#57)
Member. Tri-Ess
MWM, 39, 6', 180, lifelong TV.
"Ready to start out of the closet. Inter-

ested in corresponding with other TV's and TS's. Educated, responsible person desiring to meet same. Please respond with photo."

Ann M. (MD-2776)

CHARLENE H. (MD) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess, Rennaissance

43, 5'9", 150, TV, married for 20+ years. Interests: Classical music, computers, woodworking. "Have crossdressed for as long as I can remember. Am fairly conservative with my clothing. Would love to come out of the closet more, but cannot. I would like to correspond with those of similar interest, especially those in the Balt/Wash area."

Charlene H. (MD-2274)

VIRGINIA (220- 246-)

Christina S. (VA-1868)

CHRISTINA S. (VA) (#56)

Member: Tri-Ess

MWM, 40's, 6', 185. Enjoy photography, big band music, collectable records, cooking, and going out dressed.

"Like to write other sisters. Forming new Tri-Ess group in Richmond. Like to attend Holiday En Femme or similar event."

Christina Smith, P.O. Box 34621, Richmond, VA 23234 (VA-1868)

Kemberly C. (VA-2300)

KEMBERLY CARLSON (N VA) (#58)

Member: Delta Chi

DWM, 5'11", 50, size 18, live in DC area with SO. Comfortable with self, ventures out dressed last 3 years. Love to pose in front of camera, water skiing, boating, and stained glass. "Enjoy all aspects of femme lifestyle. Would like to write & meet others who enjoy crossdressing. Have a sense of humor, and can laugh at myself & enjoy life. Will respond to all."

Kem Carlson, P.O. Box 8, Herndon, VA 22070 (VA-2300)

Robin M. (VA-2351)

ROBIN MARTIN (VA) (#56)

SWM, 35, 5'7", 155. Enjoys all things creative and artistic. Likes decorating, working out and dressing for the total look whenever possible.

"Would like correspondence and photo swaps with others who enjoy and understand this special lifestyle."

Robin Martin, P.O. Box 955, Salem, VA 24153 (VA-2351)

Diane P. (VA-2460)

DIANE PARIS (N VA) (#55)

Hetero TV, 5'9", 45. Loves to go out dressed and does often. Enjoys shopping, dinner, strolling, movies, and at-home dinner parties at home with very supportive and understanding wife.

"I love to correspond and to meet, especially with wives, SO's. Travel. Please write soon so we can have fun together."

Diane Paris, P.O. Box 478, Oakton, VA 22124 (VA-2460)

SUSAN REYNOLDS (VA) (#56)

Member: IFGE, Tri-Ess

Participant: P-town and Poconos gatherings

Reasonably passable. Love sleek clothing. Adore being VERY buxom when at home. "I write to a number of sisters, and especially enjoy writing to those sisters who like being buxom. Am very happy and content with myself as a woman."

Susan Reynolds, Box 11160, Alexandria, VA 22312 (VA-0017)

Kay G. (VA-0323)

KAY GOULD (VA) (#56)

Very feminine and totally passable. Enjoy all aspects of feminine lifestyle. Strong personality with ultra feminine tastes. Enjoy fine music, dining, theater, and high fashion. "Date extensively, travel the US. Appreciate male escorts in most cities. Accomplished in feminine ways, but a demanding personality. Write for several national publications."

Kay Gould, Box 8562, Alexandra, VA 22306 (VA-0323)

Jayne M. (VA-1206)

JAYNE M. (VA) (#57)

Late 40's, 5'8", 155, blue eyes, light brown/grey hair. Interests include dressing, writing, reading.

"Although a lifelong CD, I am still learning about my feminine side, and how to make Jayne the best she can be. Anxious to correspond with all sisters - to learn from them, and to share that which few outsiders can - or will bother - to understand."

Jayne M. (VA-1206)

LINDA COULTER (VA) (#55)

Member: Tri-Ess

Brown-eyed blonde, good sense of humor. "Am interested in gourmet cooking, music, photography, female fashions. Will correspond with other TV's."

Linda C. (VA-0703)

DEBBIE OGLE (C VA) (#57)

Pre-op MTF TS, 6', 180, dark brown hair, blue-green eyes, fair skin. Interests include computers, sci-fi fantasy, music (Renaissance, Moody Blues, etc.), TG people. "I am planning to be full-time by Jan '91. Am interested in meeting or corresponding with TV/TG/TS/GG's, especially in the Lynchburg, Roanoke, Charlottesville area."

Debbie O. (VA-2095)

WEST VIRGINIA (246- 268-)

Kaye L. (WV-2435)

KAYE LORRAINE LIGHTNER (WV) (#55)

Member: OPERN, WVTV

Lifelong CD, just coming out.

Interests: Sci Fi, classical music, films.

"Am a better than average cartoonist and portrait artist. Wife accepting - sometimes enthusiastic. Wife wants to correspond with other spouses. Am in helping profession. Hope to get into gender counseling. TV/TS group forming in Kayawha Valley area."

Kaye L. (WV-2435)

Tabetha T. (WV-2453)

TABETHA ANN TAMBOR (WV) (#56)

Member: Tri-Ess, CrossPort, Trans WV

Hetero CD, 22, 6', 165.

Interests: Music, sci-fi, tropical fish, Christianity, photography, science and technology, collecting coins, daydreaming.

"About halfway out of closet. In past year, I've made great strides. Want to go out much more than I do now and looking for a 'real' woman to share and experience life with!"

Tabetha Ann Tabor, c/o Trans-WV, P.O. Box 2322, Huntington, WV 25742-2322

Alona M. (WV-1804)

ALONA VICTORIA MILLER (WV) (#56)

Member: TVW (president), Tri-Ess, Cross-Port, IXE, Trans-Pitt

Participant: Coming Together, '88,'89,'90

Life-long crossdresser, married, wife does not participate. Master of Divinity degree, + hours on a Ph.D. Interests: Crossdressing and meeting new sisters. "Am in the clergy with training in counseling. Anyone having trouble dealing with the religion and crossdressing, am available."

Alona Victoria Miller, P.O. Box 703, Lewisburg, WV 24901 (WV-1804)

Renee H. (WV-2604)

RENEE H. (S WV) (#56)

Member: Crossport, TWV

MWM, 5'10", 225, brown eyes. Married to understanding and very supportive wife. Enjoys shopping, girl talk, and picture-taking sessions. Not comfortable going out yet, but loves crossdressing.

"Would like to hear from other sisters in WV and surrounding areas."

Renee H. (WV-2604)

PRISCILLA WENTWORTH (WV) (#57)

Member: Crossroads

MWM TV, 5'10", 170. Retired from Foreign Service. Widely travelled, broad interests. Likes to correspond with other TV's/TS's.

P.M. Wentworth, Box 687, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 (WV-0640)

BEVERLY R. WILLIAMS (W WV) (#56)

Member: Trans-WV

WM, 5'10", 41. Interests include beautiful clothes, cooking, photography, and travel. "CD since age 7. Feminine side is very strong. Enjoy femme world, very comfortable. Has not always been easy - Trans WV was a big help! Would like to write to CD's, TV's, and TS's. Want to learn as much as I can. Growth is what life is all about."

Beverly W. (WV-2687)

DEE (WV) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess

46, heterosexual, CD since age 3, divorced after 20 years, 5'10", gray-brown hair, 160, Christian. Interests: All things feminine, developing a better look, fishing canoeing, biking, sewing.

"Would like to relocate and meet a woman who could accept me for me. Need some help in make-up. Will write as time permits. Any employment opportunities would be greatly appreciated."

D. D. Hensell, P.O. Box 422, Ridgeley, WV 26753 (WV-2329)

NORTH CAROLINA (270- 289-)

Sandy J. (NC-0906)

SANDY JOHNSON (NC) (#57)

5'7", 140 lbs. "Interested in corresponding with other TV's, TS's to achieve a better understanding and acceptance of our community."

Sandy J. (NC-0906)

BRENDA W. (NC) (#55)

SWM, late 30's, brown hair, blue eyes. Life-long crossdresser attractive and sincere, but very shy.

"I would like to correspond with other TV's and share our experiences. Would love to meet a really pretty, passable TV, TS, or an understanding, caring woman. Please share your femme side with me."

Brenda W. (NC-2301)

RACHEL MORGAN (NC) (#55)

Almost married WM, 23.

"Beginning to discover the joys of integrating being a woman into my male persona. Not comfortable with 'going public' yet, but comfortable with being a TV. Enjoy Bradbury, Clarke & Herbert. Love Pink Floyd. Would like to correspond with other couples who have overcome the problems of being a TV in a relationship, and those who have developed a balanced approach to crossdressing."

Rachel M. (NC-2272)

Melody A. (NC-1930)

MELODY DIANNE ALLEN (NC) (#56)

Pre-op M-F TS, single, 5'7", 125, light brown hair, blue eyes. Enjoys music, photography, billiards. "Would love to correspond and/or meet other TV's, TS's, etc., for friendship, fun, what have you. Can entertain in my home, or travel."

Melody Allen, P.O. Box 14683, Raleigh, NC 27620 (NC-1930)

Suzanne B. (NC-2414)

SUZANNE ELIZABETH BISHOP (NC) (#55)

Member: Tri-Ess

Tall, slender, blue-eyed blonde, enjoys yoga, jogging, reading, music, conversation and the arts. "Although relatively closeted for family and business reasons, I do go out from time to time with no problems. Would like to meet other CD's in my area for friendship and fun."

Suzanne B. (NC-2414)

NANCY L. (NC) (#56)

DWM, 42, 5'10, 150, blonde hair, hazel eyes, life long CD'er. Enjoys music, dancing, swimming in my pool and shopping for anything feminine.

"Like to correspond and meet other CD/TV/TS's for friendship and sharing. I'm looking for a special person who is honest, loving and caring to share a home with and let our femininity grow together. Will answer all who write and send photo."

Nancy L. (NC-2504)

KAREN HAYNES (NC) (#55)

M-F pre-op TS, 28, 5'10", 155, red hair, green eyes. Interests include architecture, photography, music, and just having fun.

"I'm in the process of transition, and looking for, and willing to give non-sexual support to persons of the TS/CD/TV sector. Really want to start support groups and information exchange in the Greensboro-Raleigh, NC area."

Ms. Karen Haynes, P.O. Box 1954, Greensboro, NC 27404-0954 (NC-2506)

Becky P. (NC-2343)

BECKY P. (NC) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess, Kappa Beta

5'4", 133. Interests: Reading, photography, good music, going out in public dressed.

"I love to send and receive mail from TV/TS sisters. Will answer all who write."

Becky P. (NC-2343)

Donna M. (NC-2912)

DONNA M. (NC) (57)

5'7", 130, 36, brown eyes, brown hair. Interests: Auto races, computers, bowling, learning about new things (including myself). "I am still in the closet and would like help getting out. I love to dress, love the feel of it all. Hope to someday meet an understanding honest S.O. to become a part of my special life. Want to hear from all TV's and TS's and I will reply."

Donna M. (NC-2912)

TABITHA VALKYRIE (C NC) (#56)

MW and pre-op TS, hetero? 43, 5'7", 130. "Am blessed with supportive wife and children. Would like to correspond with others. Interested in amateur radio, but don't have license yet. Active in sports. Would like to help found a support group here in Raleigh, NC. Anyone that has, or is currently suffering from Attention Deficit

Disorder also asked to reply. I have been a diaper fetishist most of my life as well."
Tabitha V. (NC-2616)

STEPHANIE DULA (NC) (#58)
Member: Phoenix
DWM, TV, 20, 5'9", size 16-18.
Interests: Anythng to do with art, 'oldies' style music, walking my dog, riding my bike, being my femme self whenever possible.
"I welcome letters from my sisters everywhere. I will answer all letters, so please write."
Stephanie Dula, P.O. Box 78082, Greensboro, NC 27427 (NC-2519)

CHERYL BISHOP (NC) (#58)
Member: EEE, Paradise, Chi Chapter
Participant: Be All, '85
43, divorced, hetero, somewhat closeted. Interests: duplicate bridge, golf, tennis. "I'm more interested in issues like self-acceptance, blending crossdressing and marriage, etc. than clothes, make-up, etc."
Cheryl B. (NC-2334)

RICKIE (NC) (#57)
38, 5'8", 345, DOB 12-21-52, brown hair. Interests: Sports, cooking, flying, motorcycles. "I'm working for a complete sex change. I'm looking for new friends who are also, age or race no problem. Seek others for information, advice, and idea exchange."
Ricki (NC-2935)

SOUTH CAROLINA (290-299-)

Bobbi L. (SC-2149)
BOBBI RENEE LONG (SC) (#58)
Member: Kappa Beta
MWM, 55, 5'8".
"I spend most of my CD time in public. I love dancing, shopping, eating out, and any activity that I can do as a woman. I like conservative clothes and make-up. I've had speech therapy and hormones have eliminated the need for pads to have a feminine body. I'll write all."
Bobbi Renee Long, P.O. Box 210276, Columbia, SC 29221 (SC-2149)

ALISHA MICHELLE H. (SC) (#56)
MWM, 5'5", 140, mid 50's. Interests: Swimming, fishing, photography, dressing. "Have been CD since age 10. Have never had any contact with any sisters. Need help with makeup & voice. Would like to correspond with other sisters in my area."
Alisha H. (SC-2533)

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GEORGIA (300-319-)

Dianne K. (GA-1298)
DIANNE KENDALL (GA) (#61)
Member: Tri-Ess: Sigma Epsilon
Participant: Fantasia Fair '90, Be All '90
"Life-long TV, willowy, sensuous, feminine with extensive wardrobe including much lingerie. Heels for every occasion. Want to correspond with and talk to TV's, TS's, and GG's. I also write stories about boys being sweetly dressed as girls by girls. Let's be girls together in Atlanta or elsewhere."
Dianne K. (GA-1298)

Jocelyn R. (GA-2612)
JOCELYN RUSSELL (W GA) (#56)
TS. "I would like to get advice from anybody about dealing with the FAA during and after transition. I am especially concerned with the medical aspects. Also interested in meeting new people in general."
Jocelyn R. (GA-2612)

Melanie S. (GA-2265)
MELANIE S. (GA) (#58)
Member: Dixie Belles
Participant: Be All
Married lifetime CD, 46, 5'13", 185.
"I'm enjoying life more every day, especially since Melanie has met and made so many new special friends. Love satins, laces, and heels."
Melanie S. (GA-2265)

Connie L. (GA-2611)
CONNIE MICHELLE LYNN (C GA) (#56)
MWM, hetero TV, 6'2", 240, 27, still in closet, but wanting to get out sometime. Enjoy anything feminine, such as dressing up, make-up, shoes; also any kind of music, golf, reading, shopping.
"Would like to correspond, and possibly meet other CD/TG/TS's for friendship, sharing of feminine secrets and interests, or just 'girl talk.' Would like to see my femininity grow with a little help. I will answer all correspondence."
C. Lynn, P.O. Box 1742, Gray, GA 31032 (GA-2611)

LINDA W. (GA) (#55)
Member: Tri Ess
Age 31, married - wife is supportive but has resisted spending time with Linda fully dressed. "Lifelong TV, but have only begun going out during the last 2 years - and I love it!! Interests include running, hiking, reading (everything), Tai Chi, Jazz and blues music. The genie is out of the bottle, & this girl is here to stay! Love to all."
Linda W. (GA-1486)

Joanna M. (GA-2722)
JOANNA (NW GA) (#57)
Member: IFGE
39, 6', 147, blond hair, blue eyes, TV, married. Busy professional just now making the time to pursue my feminine side. Life-long TV. Almost passable. Interests include the outdoors, photography stills or video, music, travel, and people.
"Want to meet new friends, GG's, TV's, TS's for correspondence, photo exchange, and personal/social relationships. Travel."
Joanna Monit, P.O. Box 490983, Atlanta GA 30349 (GA-2722)

Frances (GA-2952)
FRANCES (GA) (#58)
6', 200, 45, BiWM.
"My wife is supportive, but does not participate. I have been in the closet since, I started dressing as a pre-teen. Long to meet others in a similar situation. Into fulfilling fantasies and making special friends. I enjoy everything feminine."
Frances (GA-2952)

HEATHER C. (GA) (#55)
5'7", 135, 19, brunette, very passable, great legs.
"Would like to correspond with or meet locally with other TV's and TS's. I love sexy clothes and lingerie. I will answer all."
Heather C. (GA-2395)

STEPHANIE ROSE (NW GA) (#56)
23, 5'10", 140, single. Interests include clothes, computers.
"I'm looking for a girlfriend who can

accept this, and also for friends. I dress somewhat conservatively, but like to show my legs when shaved. I've been going out dressed for a few months now, and I like to think I could pass with a little more effort."

S. Rose, P.O. Box 1442, Lilburn, GA 30226 (GA-2622)

FLORIDA (320- 340-)

Ptra D. (FL-1314)

PETRA D. (FL) (#57)

Member: Sigma Epsilon Chapter

Mid-thirties, married to supportive wife with one daughter. "Recently came out, but believe in the importance of wider CD community. Just moved to north Florida and want to communicate with others. My interests include photography, computers, soccer, pretty clothes, and projecting my inner femininity outwardly."

Petra D., P.O. Box 3426, Tallahassee, FL 32315 (FL-1314)

Linda S. (FL-0938)

LINDA SCHREIBER (SE FL) (#56)

Very recent widower, hetero TV. University professor, 6', 63, size 16-18, reddish hair. Loves shopping, quiet dinners, long talks, picnics, theater, and classical music.

"Looking for a dear friend to share life's experiences and to meet en femme from time to time. Still need help passing but getting better. Can travel. Being Linda totally fulfills and enriches me. Let's correspond and meet."

Linda S. (FL-0938)

JACQUELYN NOWLING (FL) (#57)

Member: Sigma Epsilon

Mid-50's, 6', 180. Interests: Wine making, reading, & being 'Jacque.'

"I travel FL extensively and would like to write & meet all sisters possible. Wife is very supportive and active in wives support group in Sigma Epsilon."

Jacquelyn N. (FL-2063)

Cynthia S. (FL-1848)

CYNTHIA SILVA (FL) (#57)

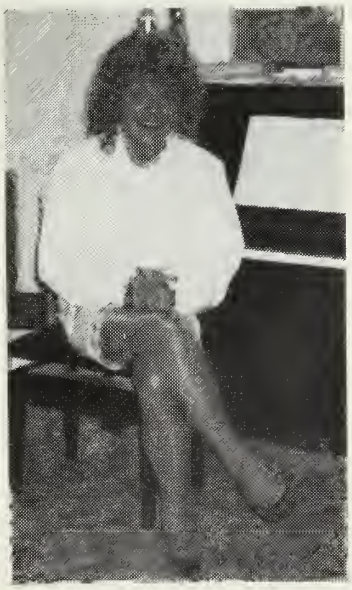
SWM, hetero CD, 60's, 5'9", 200 lbs.

Member: Tri-Ess

Interests: Working with my computer and amateur radio, VHF mobile, dressing whenever possible.

"Would like to meet or correspond with other hetero CD's, TV's, and understanding GG's for femme talk, improving my femme personality and appearance, and have photo sessions."

Cynthia Silva, Box 18884, Tampa, FL 33679-8884 (FL-1848)



Vanessa (FL-1396)

VANESSA (C FL) (#58)

Member: Central FL Sisters, Southern Belles

45, 5'5", 150. Interests: Meeting with other sisters, and going to various outings/clubs with my sisters. "I have accepted my feminine self. Can't get enough of Vanessa. Would like to be more passable so as to go to straight places."

E.B., P.O. Box 1076, Venice, FL 34284-1076 (FL-1396)

LAURA (E FL) (#57)

Member: Crossroads, Central Florida Sisters

WM hetero TV, 46, 6', 160, passable, professional, widely travelled.

"Like to be Laura as much as possible. Usually spend weekends en femme, shopping, dining, etc. Active in TV group activities. Wish to write and meet other crossdressers from all over the U.S."

Laura O., Suite 226, 2899 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI 48083 (FL-2106)

Samantha B. (FL-2288)

SAMANTHA B. (SE FL) (#55)

MWM, 46, 5'11", 175.

"I would like to meet & correspond with other TV/TS's. Extensive wardrobe. Crossdresser for years with supportive wife. Would like to start attending events & become more involved."

Samantha B., P.O. Box 651024, Tropic Branch, Vero Beach, FL 32962 (FL-2288)

Samie B. (FL-1793)

SAMIE DIANNE B. (SW FL) (#56)

Widower, 63, 5'8", 160.

"I cross-dress whenever possible, & wear lingerie all the time. I have been a closet cross-dresser for 30 years with 2 wives and several women friends. I wore the dresses and they wore the slacks. Now I want out of the closet."

Samie B. (FL-1793)

Joan J. (FL-1703)

JOAN (FL) (#55)

Member: Southern Belles

SWM, 40, 5'11", 150, hetero-TV. Interests include exercising, golf. "Would like to meet honest, sincere people for socializing."

J. Jessip, P.O. Box 22412, St. Petersburg, FL 33742-2412 (FL-1703)

Donna W. (FL-2481)

DONNA WELLS (W FL) (#55)

SWM hetero TV, passable, professional, travel extensively.

"My interests? Much the same as many other sophisticated Southern ladies! Fashion and style, dressing up, shopping, dining, travel, etc. Especially dressing up! I keep up with world events, do a little photography, and enjoy conversation, too. Would like to meet with others who also love to dress. Please drop me a line, and a photo would be appreciated."

Donna W. (FL-2481)

Elen (FL-2636)

ELEN (FL) (#57)

White, single CD, 5'6", 130, early 40's, brown eyes and brown hair, size 10. Interests include cooking, music and nature, camping and travel. Love wigs.

"Would like to write and meet other CD's. Would love to go out shopping and dining dressed. Hope to go to some of the events of IFGE. Would love assistance in improving my passability."

Elen (FL-2636)

PATRICIA (PATTY) (FL) (#57)
48, 5'5", 140. Former professional, now totally self-employed.
Interests: Hot-air ballooning, hiking, photography, art, shopping, being dressed as often as possible. "Been dressing most of my life and only recently discovered there are others. Wife is not supportive, making it more difficult to find someone to talk with. I'd love to correspond and meet other sisters. I go out in public often and would love company."
Patricia (FL-2856)

Michelle H. (FL-2692)

MICHELLE (FL) (#57)
Single, BiTV, 5'7", 135, attractive, passable, goes out often. Enjoy music, dancing, nightclubbing, friendship, romance.
"Want to correspond and meet with other TV/TS's, and to date men."
Michelle H., P.O. Box 451, Dunedin, FL 34697 (FL-2692)

HALEY TIRESIUS (FL) (#57)
Writer, interested in gender issues, clinical research, case histories, vocational issues, treatment issues. "I am interested in hearing from others in FL."
Haley T. (FL-2332)

JAMIE (FL) (#57)
6'2", 250, WM, 46. Interests: Music, shopping, out-of-doors activity. "I enjoy dominant GG's who enjoy insisting on training me in feminine cultures and dressing me in soft feminine clothing."
Jamie (Fl-2802)

JOAN (FL) (#57)
TV, 66, 5'4", single.
Interests: Drawing, painting, all the arts. "I am a life-long crossdresser. I like to correspond and meet other TV's or TS's in southwest FL for friendship and support."
Joan (FL-2821)

VANESSA (FL) (#57)
Member, Tri-Ess
Hetero TV, 5'7", 155, professional.
Interests: reading history and mystery, avid collector of photos, articles, books, and videos on crossdressing. Also sports, music, stamp collecting and writing (have published in Femanine) and most especially dressing whenever possible as Vanessa. "My fashion favorites are party dresses and heels, heels, heels."
Vanessa (FL-1178)

CATHI (FL) (#58)
MWM, hetero, TV, 41, 6'1", 170.
"Love the feminine look, from gowns to short skirts. Enjoy meeting and corresponding with others.
Cathi (FL- 1393)

MICHELLE (FL) (#57)
6'3", 200, attractive.
Interests: Garters, high heels, stockings.
"I'm looking for friends in Ft. Myers, FL to talk to and crossdress with. Happily married heterosexual man. Looking for other TV's, TS's, women, or couples."
Michelle (FL-2887)

Jody (FL-2968)

JODY (FL) (#57)
Member: Central Florida Sisters.
SWM, CD, 5'6", 130, 36. TS inclinations. Interests: Total feminization, reading, golf, and physical fitness.
"Seeking correspondence geared towards eventual meetings with understanding, attractive females, couples, and TS's. Photo please if possible."
Jody (FL-2968)

LINDA (FL) (#57)
SWM, hetero CD, 62, retired. "Love to meet people, make friends, correspond, etc. Been dressing for years. Would love to hear from people in the C FL area. Am now at a point where I can live and become the person I want to be. Please write."
Linda (FL-2970)

KATHERINE (FL) (#58)
Tall, forties. Interests are many and include cooking, sailing, movies, books, and music. Love to camp and hike. Wish to correspond, perhaps meet with other cross-gendered people in Southern Florida. Look forward to your letter (and photo?).
Katherine (FL-2244)

ELIZABETH N DOUGLAS (FL) (#58)
5'7", 145, 36, ash blonde, brown eyes, quite passable. Interests: golf, race cars. "Have been crossdressing since early adolescence. Now coming out and enjoying both sides of life. Would love to meet others for shopping fun, girl talk, and help with getting out in public more comfortably."
Elizabeth N Douglas PO Box 40012, St. Petersburg, FL 33743 (FL-2972)

ALABAMA (350- 369-)

Mary Jane W. (AL-2105)

MARY JANE WALKER (N AL) (#57)
Member: Tri-Ess
A young 65 years old, 5'5", 165. Widowed, lives alone. Retired. "A TG, dress about 95 percent of time. Enjoy shopping and eating out en femme twice a week. Have travelled en femme. Jazz musician. Ex-railroader. Ex-commercial artist. Originally from St. Joseph, MO. Now living in N. AL. Interested in all aspects of crossdressing, TV/TS/TG. Would like to hear from, meet others in the N.AL or GA area. Will answer to all who write."
M. Walker (AL-2105)

Linda T. (AL-2779)

LINDA T. (C AL) (#56)
CD, 30.
"I would like to hear from crossdressers in the Southern states for correspondence and possible meetings to learn more about the CD lifestyle. Married, wife understanding. Will answer all letters that come with photo."
L.T., P.O. Box 101421, Irondale AL 35210 (AL-2779)

ANNE ARMSTRONG (AL) (#58)
Member: Tri-Ess
70, 5'10". "Still closeted and would appreciate letters. Will reply quickly."
Anne Armstrong, P.O. Box 7331-A, Birmingham, AL 35253 (AL-1478)

RENEE' P. (AL) (#55)
Married TV, 35, dressed from earliest memories, professional. Interests: Art, travel, entertainment. "Interested in corresponding with others with hopes of eventually meeting."
Renee' P. (AL-2535)

MICHELLE STEADMAN (N AL) (#56)
Member: Tri-Ess
MWM, 36, hetero-TV, 5'9", 200 (and losing), brown eyes, brown hair. Two children, aerospace engineer/scientist.
"Interested in CD for 15 years, since a Halloween party. Wife brought me out of the closet two years ago, and supports me 110%. We work on my female image together. My wife has joined the wives and S.O.'s group of Tri-Ess."
Michelle Steadman (AL-2547)

PAULA EMILY (AL) (#57)
Member: The Montgomery Foundation
TV/TS
Paula E. (Al-2820)

TENNESSEE (370- 384-)

Samantha T. (TN-0934)

SAMANTHA T. (W TN) (#56)
Member: SLGF, Dixie Belles
39+, 5'8", use own long hair, very active in womanly role, deaf, taught how to speak & lip read. Interests: Fashions, arts, collecting things, my lovely house. "Hope to make friends in Western/Middle Tennessee, Western Kentucky, and neighboring states. Live close to 'Land Between the Lakes' national park. Will answer all letters."
Samantha T. (TN-0934)

Tammi M. (TN-1732)

TAMMI MCINTYRE (E TN) (#56)
Member: Crossroads
Participant: 'Coming Together', 'Be All', Fantasia Fair
Tall, vivacious, fun-loving lady.
"I love to shop. Have done some public speaking. I also love to go out dining and dancing. I would like to hear from others interested in our culture. I will try to respond to all contacts."
Tammi M. (TN-1732)

Robyn (TN-2744)

ROBYN (E TN) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess

MWM, 44, 5'8", 136, passable; professional, with an advanced college degree; involved in counselling. Love to go shopping en femme. Hobbies include singing, guitar playing, reading, fishing and baseball card collecting.

"I would like to correspond with either CD or TS individuals as well as genetic females interested in offering tips on improving one's feminine image. I will try to answer all letters."

Robyn (TN-2744)

R.R. (TN-1640)

RUBBER RACHEL (TN) (#58)

Attractive, 6', 170, blue eyes, TV.

"I would like to meet/correspond with professional, educated gentlemen and TV's interested in the company of a talented boy/girl. Sincerity, good taste and understanding always. Love frilled latex panties, satin slips, and flaired skirts."

R.R., P.O. Box 210362 Nashville, TN 37221-0362 (TN-1640)

SANDRA B. (TN) (#55)

MWM, 50's, 6', 170, blue eyes, considered very attractive, professional pilot. Interests are classical music, opera, art, travel, tennis, collecting antiques. Avid audiophile. "I wish to meet & correspond with all who are sensitive, understanding, and who love to dress."

Sandra B. (TN-1640)

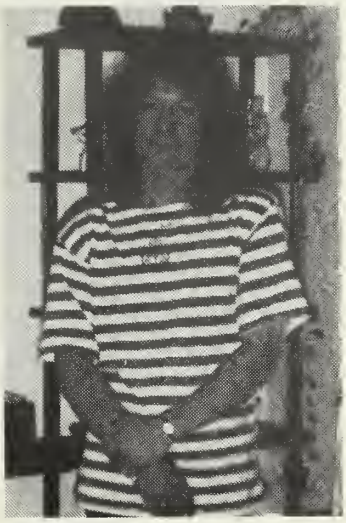
Rita H. (TN-2860)

RITA HEFELFINGER (TN) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess, Sigma Epsilon

SWM, TV, 46, 5'6", 140, size 14, passable. Interests: Photography, sewing, watching VH-1, computers, and taking short trips out of town to meet with other couples. "Living with a wonderfully supportive woman, who helps. Out of the closet three years. Go out in daytime and evening. Letter with photo gets mine. I promise to answer all."

Rita Hefelfinger, P.O. Box 1652, Madison, TN 37116 (TN-2860)



Crystal B. (TN-1701)

CRYSTAL DAWN BOYD (TN) (#57)

Pre-op, M-F, TS, 30's, 5'6", blue eyes.

"Mostly passible. Desire to correspond with and possibly meet pre- or post-op sisters, as well as TV's and GG's who could handle as well as care for and assist a lady to be all that she was meant to be. Also interested in forming a home (possibly co-op) for TS's in the Memphis area or one of the surrounding states."

Crystal Dawn Boyd, 101461, TSP, 2-16/6, 7000 Centennial Blvd, Nashville, TN 37234 (TN-1701)

MISSISSIPPI (386- 396-)

LESLIE GILL (MS) (#58)

Member: Beta Chi, Tri Delta Chi

MWM, 35, 5'9" "I want to correspond with other CD's from MS and LA. Will answer all correspondence. I pass well."

Leslie G. (MS-2138)

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KENTUCKY (403- 427-)

Linda B. (KY-2001)

LINDA BUTEN (KY) (#57)

Member: Crossport, IFGE Board of Directors.

Participant: Be All, Coming Together.

MWM TV, 6', 180. "Been in public for years, and understand self and others well. Wife and children know, understand and love Linda as an extension of my personality. Enjoy dating tall, well-mannered gentlemen who know how to treat a lady to the finer things in life."

Linda B. (KY-2001)

Stephanie B. (KY-2328)

STEPHANIE B. (C KY) (#55)

MWM, 39, 5'7", 145, lifelong TV/TS, wife very unaccepting. Ready to start out of the closet.

"I'm finally ready to pursue my desires to be a full-time woman. Love all things feminine. Interested in corresponding with TS's & TV's. Educated, responsible person who desires to meet others in similar situation."

Stephanie B. (KY-2328)

Laura P. (KY-2843)

LAURA RENEE PIERCE (KY) (#57)

Member: Cross-port

MWM with TS desires, 43, 5'6", 170, blue eyes, brown hair. Interests: computers, cooking, fashion, photography, learning more about make-up, hairstyling, dancing, and being a lady. "I wear feminine clothing exclusively. I would like to meet TV's and TS's for friendship, support, information exchange, and to discuss everything from our dreams, fears, and endless obstacles."

Laura Renee P. (KY-2843)

PATTI HALL (KY) (#58)

Member: IXE.

"Hello! I am a person in my mid thirties exploring and enjoying the beauty of womanhood. My other interests include folk music and dance, vegetarian cooking and, peacekeeping. I welcome correspondence from my sisters, and I occasionally think of starting a TV/TS support group in the Louisville area. I look forward to hearing from you.

Patti Hall, PO Box 7224, Louisville, KY 40257 (KY-2035)

OHIO (434- 457-)

Catherine A. (OH-1770)

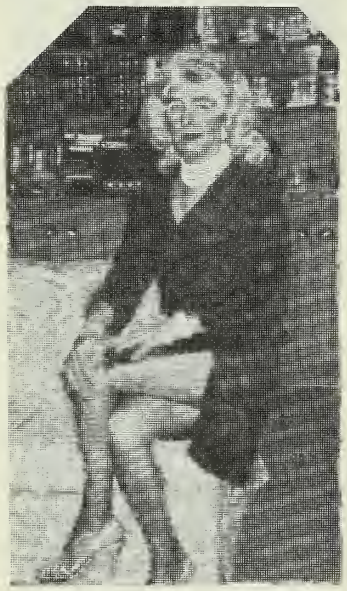
CATHERINE L. ANDREWS (OH) (#56)

Member: Transpitt

Participant: Be All, Lambda Ball

MWM CD, 5'7", 170, 45. "As a lifelong CD I have accepted myself for 'who I am'. I enjoy meeting new people and corresponding. Deeply committed to the IFGE. I enjoy outreach programs and working for the good of our entire community."

Catherine A. (OH-1770)



Michelle M. (OH-2212)

MICHELLE M. (S OH) (#62)

Member: Paradise, Cross-Port, Alpha Omega

Hetero married crossdresser, 5'9", 170, educated, friendly. Married 15 years to an "A" wife who accepts and helps. An original organizer of Paradise. "I enjoy crossdressing, hi-heels, 'girl talk', and picture-taking sessions. Needs help to enhance feminine voice. Interested in meeting other married crossdressers in SW Ohio."

Michelle M. (OH-0954)

TONI H. (OH) (#57)

Athletic TV from the Columbus area.

"If your closet is deep enough for two, write, and let's talk it over. Security is my password."

Toni H. (OH-1066)

Jaimie D. (OH-2140)

JAIMIE DOUGLAS (OH) (#58)

Single crossdresser, 5'10", 155, 26.

Interest: fitness, shopping, music, sports, and sexy clothing. "Would like to correspond with other CD's and possibly get together with crossdressers in the Central Ohio area. I'm looking forward to hearing from you."

Jaimie D. (OH-2140)

Amanda L. (OH-1670)

AMANDA LYNN (OH) (#55)

Member: Paradise Club

SWM Bi-TV, still in closet and need friends. Would especially like female to help and build a lasting relationship.

"I smoke and am a social drinker. I bowl, golf, and enjoy the quietness of fishing. I am interested in hormone treatment. Enjoy all fem clothing, but get into looking slutty (sorry). PLEASE, no photo collectors. Only sincere people need to reply."

Amanda L. (OH-1670)

JOANNE M. (OH) (#55)

6'0", 155, 35, blonde hair, blue eyes, TV, strong TS desires. Interests: Sports, feminine fashions, and learning more about being a woman. "Like to correspond with and possibly meet pre- and post-ops, and sympathetic females to help me further my feminine feelings."

JoAnne M. (OH-2212)

LAURA STEVENS (N OH) (#56)

SWM, 45, college educated professional. Enjoys restoration of antique cars, jazz, walks on the beach, good food & travel. "I'm seeking friendship, photo exchange, correspondence and possible meetings with TV's & TS's who can pass in public. Long range relationship with the right person is a possibility."

Laura S. (OH-2407)

Laura W. (OH-2406)

LAURA WHITE (NE OH) (#56)

Member: Paradise

MWM, hetero TV, 6'2", 175, blue eyes, 40, very feminine appearing. Enjoys aerobics, travel, reading.

"I have been out of the closet for 3 years. Prefer to dress as a career woman. Love to meet with TV's in NE OH area. Will correspond with all of similar interests. Please include photo."

Laura W. (OH-2406)

Tina E. (OH-2424)

TINA E. (SW OH) (#56)

Single TV, 5'10", 145, early 30's.

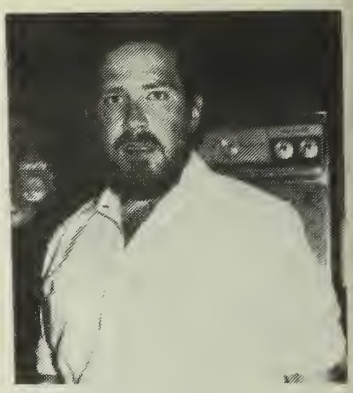
"I love music, theater, photography and sports. I love dressing pretty and feminine. I especially love high heels. I'm looking to correspond with TV's, TS's and women who love feminine attire. I've finally accepted myself and I am happy to be a TV. I'm sincere and caring. I'd love to be your girlfriend, so write me and maybe we could get together."

Tina E. (OH-2424)

CAMILE M. (NE OH) (#56)

Hetero TV, 47, 5'10", 160, med brown hair, works as a salesperson. Enjoys athletics, golf, reading, movies, good food, travel, & shopping. "Still in closet. Want to meet TV's & TS's to go out with and share myself with. Love everything feminine. Would like to meet a couple to help in making me more feminine."

Camile M. (OH-1721)



Wayne L. (OH-2671)

WAYNE L. (E OH) (#57)

Single male, 30, country boy, outdoorsy type of guy. Enjoy motorcycling, nature walks, travelling, music.

"Would like to correspond and later meet with TV/TS's, 18-35, for understanding and supportive friendship and possible relationship. I'm discreet and sincere."

W.K., P.O. Box 282, Bellaire, OH 43906 (OH-2671)

Marjorie M. (OH-2719)

MARJORIE MILLER (NE OH) (#57)

Member: Paradise Club

SWM, 5'7", 165. Interests: photography and working on cars. "Dressing off and on since a child. Go out driving, and take short walks dressed. Alone and nervous when I'm out. Would like to meet someone in SW Cleveland area to dress and go out with. I'm somewhat passable, though afraid to go out in daylight."

Ms. Marjorie Miller, P.O. Box 44006 Biddulph Rd., Brooklyn, Ohio 44144 (OH-2719)

CHERYL VONDRESS (E OH) (#55)

DWM CD, 5'8", 165, brown hair, and blue eyes. TS orientation. Interests: All things feminine, sewing, and photography.

"Plan to seek SRS, but I have a long way to go. I need help with voice and obtaining hormones (or finding a doctor that will help.) I would like to hear from anyone interested in me as a female."

Cheryl V. (OH-2360)

GLORIA C. (SW OH) (#57)

MWM, 47, 5'10", 220, blue eyes, brown hair. Interests: computers, flying & building aircraft, amateur radio, square dancing, scuba diving, & forced crossdressing.

"Want to meet sincere friends, GG's & TV's for friendship. Non-supportive wife. Want to meet aggressive people, very eager for acceptance."

Gloria C. (OH-1993)

MARILYN CRISTI (NE OH) (#56)
Member: Paradise Club, IFGE
Participant: Chrprsn 1991 'Be All'
Married, 6', 210, B.A. psychology and theater, graduate studies in counseling and sociology. Interests: Going out, public speaking, dance, old movies. "Researching EOE rights for CD's. Please send a brief summary if you were either hired, fired, or discriminated against because of CD. Info submitted in any personal detail will be held confidence. Send return address."
Marilyn Cristi, P.O. Box 33496, Cleveland, OH 44133 (OH-1919)

JOANNE (NE OH) (#57)
MWM, 40, 5'10", 175, understanding wife. Interests include jazz, photography, fishing. "I have been crossdressing since childhood, and have an extensive wardrobe. I love dressing, and would like to meet and correspond with other girls. So, let's exchange photos and letters, and maybe get together."
Joanne (OH-1941)

MEGAN (NE OH) (#57)
WM, 5'11", 230, from Lake County. Interested in astronomy and flying.
"Just coming out, and would like to find others in my area."
Megan (OH-2678)

Susan M. (OH-2053)
SUSAN M. (N OH) (#57)
Member: Tri-Ess. Alpha Omega
Divorced, hetero CD. 51, 6.5', 185.
"Enjoy fishing, camping, old movies, and helping youngsters in Little League Baseball. Dress 2-3 times a week, still in closet. Want to correspond with hetero CD's in the Huron-Erie County area. If you are still in closet, and frustrated, Sue would make a great girlfriend. Discretion expected."
Susan M. (OH-2053)

JENNY WILLIAMS (NE OH) (#57)
5'11", 175, hazel eyes, brown hair, bi SW TV. Interests include the outdoors, photography, new age music, spiritualism, UFO's. "I'm searching for TV's TS's and understanding women for friendship, support, and assistance in perfecting my feminine side. Possible roommate available if a lasting friendship comes about. I'm looking forward to coming out of the closet soon. ALL replies answered! I'm serious, aren't you?"
Jenny W., 23146 Lorain #171, Cleveland OH 44070 (OH-2714)

KIMBERLY SUZANNE (SW OH) (#55)
MWM, 33, 6'3" with large frame, nonsupportive wife. Interested in jazz and classical music, sports, quiet evenings, reading, enjoying the company of others.
"Would love to meet and correspond with TV's, TS's, and GG's to help explore the feminine possibilities of crossdressing. Still in closet, but looking for at least the light switch. First ever ad, will try to answer all."
Kimberly S. Graycheck, P.O. Box 751632, Dayton, OH 45475 (OH-1628)

Jannie A. (OH-2512)
JANNIE ABIELLE (OH) (#56)
Member: Crystal Club
Single hetero CD, mid-twenties, open, caring. Interests: Sci-fi, humor, world issues, technology, bicycling (or trying!), being a complete person. "I've become very happy in the past two years. Seeking friendships on a non-sexual basis for support/advice (especially those my age or in N. Central OH). I keep busy but will respond!"
Jannie A. (OH-2512)

Catherine M. (OH-2877)
CATHERINE MICHALEK (OH) (#57)
"I love shopping for my wardrobe. I have a collection of books and magazines on crossdressing. I hate male clothes and don't own any. I have dressed since childhood as female. I am a full-time TV. I enjoy corresponding with TV's, and will answer all. Please send pictures."
Catherine M. (OH-2877)

JILL BUZA (OH) (#57)
Member: Paradise
SWM, pre-op TS, 5'9", 145, brown hair, blue eyes. "Interested in corresponding with other TS's (pre- and post-op) to share matters of mutual interest."
Jill Buza, P.O. Box 16063, Rocky River, OH 44116 (OH-2883)

MELISSA E. DAHON (OH) (#57)
MWM, Bi, TV, 47, 6', 175, self-employed artist. Active in the sixties, trying again in the nineties. Wife totally unaccepting.
Interests: High fashion, fine dining, music, environmental issues, quiet evenings with someone special.
"Creative, vivid imagination, feminine nature. Hoping to share my though with other TV's/TS's. Will consider dating tall, slim, sensitive males, who know how to treat a lady with respect."
Melissa D. (OH-2904)

Joyce (OH-2925)
JOYCE (SW OH) (#58)
Member: Tri-Ess
SWM, CD, 5'11", 180, 58 years young.
Interests: Reading, music, gardening, traveling. "I go out dressed about once a week--to movies, classical concerts, and shopping. I want to meet other CD's and TS's to share these activities and to gain some help in being more feminine. I will answer all letters as soon as possible."
Joyce (OH-2925)

INDIANA (463- 479-)

Michelle M. (IN-1696)
MICHELLE MICHAELS (C IN) (#56)
MWM TV, 40, 6'1", 200, 40, 3 children & supportive wife. "Spent 25+ years in the closet with guilt, shame, & confusion. Drank & drugged to kill the pain of living. Clean & sober for 9 years. Today's struggles are centered around acceptance, self esteem and balance. Interested in opening dialogue & forming friendships with anyone on the same spiritual journey."
Michelle Michaels, Box 8091, Richmond, IN 47375 (IN-1696)

Yvonne C. (IN-1009)
YVONNE COOK (IN) (#99)
IFGE Director of Operations, IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Finance Committee.
Member: Lifetime member IXE.
Awards: IFGE Trinity Award, 1991.
Friendly and sincere individual who enjoys all people who are involved in gender issues.
Yvonne C. (IN-1009)

Dan R. (IN-9999)
DAN RILEY (IN) (#99)
Member: IXE, IFGE Staff
Female CD, 40. Sincere, caring individual. Interested in corresponding with other female-to-male CD's/TS's. Enjoys hiking, dancing, T'ai Chi Ch'uan, talking with others and helping others "coming out."
Dan Riley, (IN-9999)

DEBORAH ANNE K. (IN) (#58)
Member: IXE
MWM TV, 48, 5'9", 150.
"Inexperienced but learning how to present my other self. Need training on makeup, care of wigs. Limited travel due to job, wish to meet others for support."
A. Kinsey, P.O. Box 550, Roanoke, IN 46783

Lindsey S. (IN-2358)

LINDSEY S. (C IN) (#55)

53, 5'8", 155. Loves playing theater organ, flower arranging, dining out, running 25 miles a week to keep slim, reading, & travel. Married to loving wife, 3 sons, 2 grandchildren, 2 1/2 years to go til retirement, then the fun begins!

Lindsey S. (IN-2358)

JIM C. (W IN) (#55)

5'7", 140, small boned, 47. Raised as a girl for 7 years. Hair was curled almost nightly, given home permanents, slept in nightgowns.

Jim C. ((IN-2312)

ANNIE JOHNSON (C IN) (#55)

MWM, understanding wife, very young looking 40. "Half in, half out of closet. Been out dressed half a dozen times. Spent most of 2 days shopping in L.A. & loved it! I'm done fighting it, and am now trying to broaden my experiences in order to try to find a lifestyle with which I can be contented. Would like to hear from and perhaps meet others with similar interests and concerns."

Annie J. (IN-2446)

KAREN (C IN) (#57)

Member: IXE

SWM, 41, 6', 168, professional, attractive, personable, and fun. Interests include reading, especially history; languages - fluent in four; and of course, perfecting my femininity. "Trying to integrate Karen into a very busy life. Looking for friends in the community for support. I'm especially interested in meeting more women accepting of my qualities and quirks."

Karen (IN-0807)

BETTY ANN C. (IN) (#55)

SWM CD, 5'8", 160, 37. Enjoys photography, hiking, the outdoors, and esoteric studies. "Looking for friends, organizations, and correspondents in the Fort Wayne area."

Betty Ann C. (IN-2537)

KATHY ANN (W IN) (#56)

Member: IXE

Nice-looking TV. 6', size 18, dark-haired lady from the Terre Haute area.

"I would enjoy meeting other TV's, and dating men who would enjoy going out with a sexy lady. I like sitting and chatting about the wonderful TV lifestyle. I also like pleasing my dates."

Kathy Ann (IN-2651)

RIKKI B. (C IN) (#55)

Bi TV/TS, 34.

"I'm very shy and sensitive, just now trying to develop my femininity. I love music of all kinds, and quiet romantic evenings. I need to find a special person to share my life with."

Rikki B., P.O. Box 1962, Anderson, IN 46014 (IN-2578)

Vickie M. (IN-2647)

VICKIE MANSFIELD (C IN) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess, Crossroads, IXE

MWM, a young 47, 6', size 18-20.

"I have an understanding wife, dress occasionally at home, but mostly on trips. I am recently out of the closet, and want to aid others in that quest. I am active in the Catholic Church, enjoy cooking, dancing, fine wines, and exercise. I will do my best to answer all letters."

Vickie Mansfield, P.O. Box 29508, Indianapolis, IN 46229-0408 (IN-2647)

Gloria C. (IN-2872)

GLORIA C. (SE IN) (#57)

Single TV, 33, 5'9", 160, brown hair and eyes. "In the closet all my life. Live alone in a small town. Like to dress pretty and wear high heels when I night-drop bills. Interests include auto racing, gardening, fishing, all outdoors, photography, dressing, and shopping. Want to start getting out and meeting other TV/TS friends to correspond and have girl talk with. I'm lonely! Please write. Free to travel in area."

Gloria Ann C. (IN-2872)

DEBORAH ANNE (IN) (#58)

Member: IXE, Tri-Ess

MWM, TV, 50, 5'9", size 18. Interests: Gardening, boating, bowling, handgun and rifle target-shooting, computers, cooking. "My wife is aware but has no further interest. I am a stay-at-home type person, quiet, and rather bashful. I would still like to meet others and will try to answer any correspondence."

A. Kinsey, P.O. Box 550, Roanoke, IN 46783 (IN-2011)

Barbara B. (IN-2324)

BARBARA ELLEN BERTRAND (IN) (#58)

Member: Cross-port, Chicago Gender Society

Participant: 1991 Be-All

TS, 5'3", 135, 35, brown hair, hazel eyes. "Finally getting together with people to help me through transition. Would like to correspond and meet with TS's and TV's to get a small local group started. I enjoy sci-fi, Roman and Greek art, archeology, and history and ancient civilizations.

B. E. Bertrand, P.O. Box 728, New Albany, IN 47151-0728 (IN-2324)

Jamie S. (IN-2789)

JAMIE STONE (IN) (#57)

Member: IXE, Cross Port, IFGE

6', 150, 40, brown hair and eyes, TV with TS desires. Interests: Photography, biking, reading, music, dressing, good food and conversation, romantic movies. "Looking forward to meeting and corresponding with other TV's and TS's.

Jamie S. (IN-2789)

DANA S. (IN) (#57)

SWM, 5'8", 145, 29, attractive, businessman, entrepreneur, straight, and very discreet. Interests: sports, movies, history, the arts, and aerobics. "Enjoy meeting transsexuals. I find them fascinating, and very enjoyable company. Have crossdressed myself merely for the thrill of it. Would enjoy correspondence."

Dana S. (IN-2945)

MICHIGAN (480- 499-)

Christine H. MI-2803)

CHRISTINE (SE MI) (#57)

5'6", 32, TV, blue-eyed, blond. "Interested in meeting feme sisters in S.E. MI area or surrounding areas. I would like to make new friends and build lasting relationships. Anyone interested in corresponding with me is welcome to write."

Christine, P.O. Box 888, Wayne, MI 48184 (MI-2803)

Michelle (MI-2853)

MICHELLE (MI) (#57)

WM TV, 5'10", 175, early 30's. "I am new to crossdressing. I like dressing pretty and feminine, especially in silk and heels. Interests include skiing, scuba, and most sports. Still in the closet but with help from a special wife I am trying to get out in public. Would like to hear from other sisters who have some suggestions on becoming more feminine."

Michelle (MI-2853)

ELIZABETH MICHAELS (MI) (#57)

Member: Crossroads

5'11", 165, 35, dark hair, blue eyes, MWM. Interests: Gourmet cooking, music, sports, fine wine. "I would love to be a woman. I have just recently started to

explore the woman I have always been. I need a lot of help on make-up and clothing. I would love to have some girlfriends that I could talk to."

Elizabeth M. (MI-2831)

Milesa P. (MI-0976)

MILESA PHAR (MI) (#56)

Member: Crossroads, Paradise

Participant: 'Be All'

Past President (Crossroads), Editor (Crossroads Chatter), and Board member (Crossroads). Married TV. Enjoys photography, writing. Lecturing at medical schools and universities on cross-dressing. Have produced audio tapes on wives & TV's. Crossroads outreach chairperson.

Milesa Phar, P.O. Box 196, Garden City, MI 48135 (MI-0976)

Marica T. (MI-1871)

MARCIA ANN T. (E MI) (#56)

Member: Tri Ess, Crossroads

Tri-City area very experienced TV, 5'10", 165, have passed in public for 25 years. "I love shopping and dining en femme. Would love to share experiences with other sisters. Love to correspond, and guarantee immediate reply to any who write. Happy to advise any who need help."

Marcia Ann T. (MI-1871)

JAMIE C. (W MI) (#55)

Member: Tri Ess, Crossroads, IME

White, married, 35. "Would like to hear from others in the Battle Creek MI area."

Jamie C. (MI-2410)

DIANA K. REED (E MI) (#55)

MWM hetero CD, 5'8", 150, 54. Enjoys boating, golf, travel, & partying. Enjoys nylons, heels, slips, etc. "Occasional CD, would like to dress up more often, possibly away from home. Wife lukewarm to CDing, but tolerable. Looking forward to involvement with support group. Would correspond with hetero CD's in Midwest."

Diana K. Reed, P.O. Box 463025, Mt Clemens, MI 48046 (MI-2419)

DENISE BEACH (C MI) (#56)

TS, 5'8", blond hair, blue eyes, 41, single. Enjoys movies, shopping, & warm conversation. "I would like to correspond with TV/TS in Michigan area. I am very friendly and shy, but I have significant emotional problems."

Denise B. (MI-2483)

ROBERT (SE MI) (#57)

Single male, 5'8", 170, 28, educated.

"I would like to correspond/meet an ultra-feminine, pre- or post-op TS. I appreciate a creative mind as much as an attractive face and figure. Enjoy travel, tennis, skiing, movies, fine food, and stimulating conversation."

Robert (MI-2002)

Jennifer N. (MI-1165)

JENNIFER ANN NELSON (SE MI) (#57)

Member: Crossroads

5'11", 160, size 14, with brown hair and blue eyes. "Cherish time spent as Jennifer. Am just getting to know myself, and understand my feelings as a woman. My passion for clothes includes short skirts, silk dressing, and heels. I love to meet my sisters, and to be escorted on my travels. I will respond to your letters as best I can."

Jennifer N. P.O. Box 431726, Pontiac, Michigan 48343 (MI-1165)

RANDI (SE MI) (#56)

Member: Crossroads

Bi WM, 5'9", 170, brown hair/eyes.

"TV since age ten. Wife supports fully. Would like to hear from others in my area."

Randi, P.O. Box 46100, Mt. Clemens, MI 48046 (MI-2581)

RENEE (SW MI) (#56)

41, hetero, white, 5'8", 170. Hormones 2 years. Brown hair/blue eyes. Married to supportive wife, 2 children. "I've been dressing for over thirty years. I've been out dressed on several occasions with my wife, but not nearly enough to satisfy my needs. Would like to meet with other married couples for correspondence, possible meeting."

Renee (MI-2575)

Terri S. (MI-0476)

TERRI SCOTT (MI) (#57)

Member: Crosswords

Participant: Be-All

5'5", 38-24-38 (I wish!) Interests: Fashion, travel, literature--mostly novels. "I know where I've been and where I'm headed, but road is filled with detours. Objective to become an active member of society as a woman. Would like to hear from others on the same journey.

Terri Suzanne Scott, P.O. Box 723, Birmingham, MI 48012

Julia (MI-2936)

JULIA (MI) (#58)

MWM, 6'2", 175, 33, hetero TV, attractive, successful professional who is just "coming out." Interests: Reading, photography, and staying fit. "My wife has no knowledge. Want to develop female self before introducing her to my family. Enjoy the elegant look. I am looking for friendship and support and hope to become a caring girlfriend."

Julia (MI-2936)

MARSHA (SE MI) (#57)

MWM, hetero CD, 6'2", 218, 42, frosted or red hair, triple pierced ears. "Enjoy golf, boating, travel, and having a good time. Love dressing and going out. Passions are pierced earrings, shoes, and good looking clothes in spite of size. Have just started going out. Would like to hear from other sisters, especially those in the MI area, and meet and go out if interested."

Marsha (MI-2719)

R. LYNNE (S MI) (#56)

Hispanic, 5'5", 135, 29. Enjoys cycling, movies, music, dancing, concerts, cards, gambling. "I would like to meet a TV/TG/TS from the Lansing area for support and friendship."

Lynne, P.O. Box 27514, Lansing MI 48909 (MI-2745)

LYNN MARIE DAVIS (MI) (#58)

SWM TV, tall.

"Enjoy moments spent as a woman. Mostly in the closet. Seek friends with whom I can comfortably step out of the closet. Travel widely, sometimes at a moment's notice. Warm and caring. You can never have too many friends. Please write. Will answer all."

Lynn Marie Davis, PO Box 431855, Pontiac, MI 48343 (MI-2980)

IOWA (500- 528-)

Janet B. (IA-2091)

JANET BAKER (IA) (#57)

WM, 39, 175, 5'11". Artist. Interests include ceramics, prints, painting, gardening, animals, archeology, erotica, metal and wood working. "Would like to meet new friends with similar interests."

D.R., P.O. Box 334, Ankemy, IA 50021 (IA-2091)

Christina B. (IA-1253)

CHRISTINA MARIE BOUCHIER (IA) (#55)

Member: CLCC, CGS

Attendee: "Be All" '88, '89

TS, 5'11", 43, brown hair, blue eyes. Receiving hormones and electrolysis; attend Minnesota Gender Program.

"Accepted as Christina by siblings, mother, and close friends. Will start fulltime life as a woman in early 1990. Interested in meeting TS sisters and fun, confident guys who love to dance!"

Christina B. (IA-1253)

ALISHA (IA) (#57)

6', 145, brn hair, blue eyes, 40, size 10, shoe size: 10 wms, married with two young boys, white, hetero TV. Interests: Jazz rock, fine art, geology, scuba, skiing, sewing. "Love evening and bridal dresses, tight

corsets, high heels. Life long TV, still in the closet. Venture out rarely, but travel frequently, especially to the Chicago area and Atlanta. Discreet letters with photo will be answered with same."

Alisha (IA-2071)

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Karen C. (IA-1170)

KAREN CASEY (IA) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess, Iowa Artistry

MWM, 49, 6'4", 215, married 23 yrs. Interests: Photography, cooking, reading, music, chess. "I hope to correspond with some interesting sisters, perhaps develop some new lifetime friendships."

Karen C. (IA-1170)

WISCONSIN (530-548-)

JANET LYNN H. (WI) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess, Chi Chapter

SWM, 35, professional person. Size 18/20 tall. Interests: Photography, traveling, shopping for clothes and other fem items. "I love to dress up whenever possible, make-up and all. Love to hear from all who would care to write. I am not passable at this time, but am trying very hard."

Janet H. (WI-2141)

MONICA MARTIN (SE WI) (#56)

White, married, "lingerie lover", mid-fifties, looking for pen-sisters, and/or meeting, to share our femme side together.

"My first and main love is lingerie. I have been crossdressing since I was 12 years old. With each year that goes by, I enjoy myself more and more. I have lots to share with you, so please write soon. Please send pictures if possible."

Monica M. (WI-0995)

Linda A. (WI-0529)

LINDA LEE ATHIE (WI) (#55)

TS, 5'7", 165-175, blue eyes, brown hair or whatever color wig I decide to wear. Born August 1949.

Interests: All things feminine, history of WW2, war gaming, and photography.

"I wish to correspond with any one who wish to write to me, and to contact those to whom I have written to in the past. I wish correspondence, no personal meetings. I do answer all."

Linda Lee Athie, Box 15784, Milwaukee, WI 53215 (WI-0529)

Kathy K. (WI-2234)

KATHY KLINE (WI) (#58)

42, single male.

"I've been dressing since 10 years old. Love music, karate, shopping and movies. Would like to meet female who can accept what I am. Will correspond with other sisters."

Kathy K. (WI-2234)

PAULA M. (W WI) (#57)

Member: IFGE, Tri-Ess National, Chi chapter (Chicago)

Participant: 'Be All', Holiday En Femme

MWM, CD, 74, 5'5", 160. Retired university professor. Artist (painter), musician; terminal and advanced degrees in both. "Blessed with happy marriage to fully accepting, wonderfully supportive wife. We travel everywhere around the country as two women. No problems - we love it! Correspondence invited."

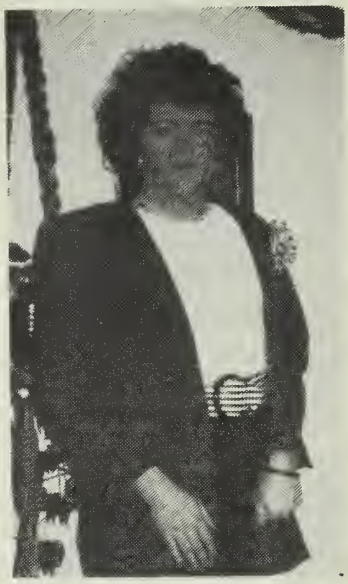
Paula M. (WI-2036)

PATRICIA P. (WI) (#57)

TV, 26, 5'8". Interests: Music, playing guitar, dancing, skiing, reading.

"Coming out of the closet, thanks to my girlfriend. Currently, I dress only at home. However, any tips on becoming passable as a female are deeply appreciated. I would love to correspond with other TV's, TS's, and couples who are sincere, caring, and supportive for friendships. Moving to Boston mid-1991."

Patricia P. (WI-2825)



Patricia P. (WI-2825)

MINNESOTA (550-567-)

Vanessa S. (MN-1168)

VANESSA S. (MN) (#57)

5'11", 160, brown hair & eyes, 40, size 16, passable, hetero CD.

"Enjoy the classic, stylish look. Happily married to a beautiful, supportive wife. Finishing my degree in counseling, and intend to work exclusively with gender issues. My wife and I are devout Christians, and are willing to help other couples if we can. I love my femininity and have found that I become a much happier on allowing my femme self to emerge."

Vanessa S., Box 11771, St. Paul, MN 55111-0771 (MN-1168)

REGINA (MN) (#57)

White gender dysphoric, 5'8", 150, 43, celibate by choice and convictions. Interests: libertarian politics, history, Victoriana, reading, writing, and contemplative spirituality. "Law school graduate, but have many non-legal interests. I would just like to find a few sincere friends if any exist out there. Thanks."

Regina (MN-0383)

Wendy P. (MN-2193)

WENDY P. (MN) (#58

27, 5'10", 13/14 going on 11/12, brown hair and eyes. Interests: High heels, dresses, garters and hose, woodworking, muscle cars, and Corvettes. "Enjoy dressing as often as I can. Like to meet other CD's and TV's for lasting friendships. I would love to have a traveling companion to go to a CD/TV convention. Pass, but still need. Write from anywhere. Travel some."

W. Peterson, Box 617, Stillwater, MN 55082 (MN-2193)

Melissa J. (MN-2264)

MELISSA SUE J. (NW MN) (#55)

Member: CLCC, Personal Growth Counseling, FMGA

Pre-op TS, 36, 6', 155. "Attained fem self: Hormones, electrolysis. Enjoy wining and dining with other TV's and TS's that are experienced in feminine persuasions. Will also give advice to those just starting. Need new social friends, and will be pen pals with those that would like to communicate."

Melissa J. (MN-2264)

STEPHANIE J. (MN) (#56)

DWM, Bi-TV. Enjoys dressing, reading, outdoor activities.

"Love being a TV. Interested in meeting and corresponding with TV's, TS's, and others for personal and social relationships. I have been dressing for over 20 years and especially love petticoats and full skirts. Discretion assured. Will answer all promptly. Photo & phone if possible."

Stephanie J. (MN-2385)

Ramona (MN-0849)

RAMONA (E MN) (#57)
Member: CLCC,IFGE
Participant: Fantasia Fair, Shangri-La, Be All, Miss Fantasia Fair
CD/TG, 50's. "I like fashion, cooking, being with good friends. Enjoy dining out, travelling, attending functions with my sisters."
Ramona (MN-0849)

St Paul Patti (MN-0735)

ST. PAUL PATTI (E MN) (#55)
Participant: Dream '78
5'10", 185, 43, divorced, hetero, Vietnam veteran. Interests: Modeling school, garage sales, reading, church activities, Emotions Anonymous. "Twin cities and out of closet. Attend church and Emotions Anonymous as St. Paul Patti."
St. Paul Patti, (MN-0735)

KATHERINE H. (MN) (#56)
Member: CLCC, MFGE
Participant: Fantasia Fair
DWMTV with TS tendencies, mid 30's, live as a woman part time. Enjoy music, movies, theater, cooking, tennis, golf, decorating. "Love to relax and let my fem side take over. Want to make friends as Kathy. Pass. Would love to hear from you."
Katherine H. (MN-1994)

BARBARA JANE A. (SE MN) (#55)
Participant: HBIGDA Convention
"Middle-aged male gender dysphoric who cross-dresses in private. Seeks friendship with a feminine M-F TS."
Barbara A. (MN-2479)

JUDY KASSE (SE MN) (#57)
Married, hetero male. 260, 5'11", 52, closet CD. Likes photography, amateur radio. "I don't pass, but feel good when dressed. Will answer all correspondence."
Judy Kasse, P.O. Box 16143, St. Paul, MN 55116 (MN-2743)

JENNIFER and ARTEMIS (S MN) (#57)
"Monogamous TG/TS couple, early thirties. Jenny's a bio-male living as her wondrous, womanly self. Art's a bio-female shifting out of gender ambivalence toward liberated masculinity. Jenny's interests: wicca, neo-paganism, shamanism, re-embracing her inner child. Art's interests: TG/TS advocacy and activism, literary expression of gender non-conformity and exploration. We'd like to hear from other 'out' TG/TS's in the midst of childraising."
Art and Jenny (MN-2738)

MIRA LaCOUS (SE MN) (#56)
MWM, TV, 29. "Passible, tall, slender blonde with soft and pretty facial features. Been dressing and dreaming forever. Clean, discreet, and a non-smoker/non-drinker. The past year has been great for me, and am looking for much more. If you are a sincere TV/TS/GG, please write so that we may correspond and/or meet. Looking for friendship and sharing, nothing sexual. Will respond to all."
Mira LaCous, P.O. Box 13659, St. Paul, MN 55113 (MN-2818)

JULIE McFADDEN (MN) (#57)
Member: CLCC
Married, 25, 6', 170, M-F TS with a very supportive wife, BA Studio Arts, Photography/Sculpture. "I love fine clothing and shoes, movies, creating works of art that stimulate others to think, and running my own small business."
Julie McFadden, Suite #158, 14350 Burnhaven Dr., Burnswill, MN 55337 (MN-2784)

SOUTH DAKOTA (570-577-)

NORTH DAKOTA (580-588-)

MONTANA (590-599-)

Tammy (MT-2641)

TAMMY (MT) (#57)
Member: LIFE, IFGE
MWM, 150, 5'7", size 16. "Discretion required and guaranteed. Not the only TV in Montana, but it's redneck country - in the closet and will stay that way. I'd like to dress up, and be treated very tenderly, as if I were a lady, especially by a GG playing role reversal. Wife barely tolerates my CDing."
Tammy (MT-2641)

Mishell W. (MT-2704)

MISHELL LYNN WOODRING (NE MT) (#56)
6'1", 145, educated, blue eyes, blonde hair M-F TS. Totally blind. Interests include sound engineering and recording (12 years experience), theater and acting, hearing from other TS's (cassette tape only, please). "Would like to start a cassette publishing company. Am upset that materials such as TAPESTRY, etc. not available on cassette tape for blind. It is not easy to find people open-minded enough to read these materials aloud for someone like me."
Mishell W. (MT-2704)

ILLINOIS (600-629-)

Eve B. (IL-0523)

EVE B. (IL) (#56)
IFGE Board of Directors, Chr. Ed. Resources Committee
Member: Chi Chapter, Outreach, CGS
Participant: Fantasia Fair, 'Be All', 'Coming Together'
Awards: Miss DREAM, FF Miss Congeniality, FF Miss Best Dressed, Miss Fantasia Fair "Eve is an elegant fun-loving girl who 'exists' 2-3 days a week. Does many presentations with Naomi O. (IL) before professional and college audiences to help 'educate' on our lifestyle."
Eve B. (IL-0523)

TERESA BEATRICE K. (IL) (#57)
6'+, late 30's, SWM, 300+. Interested in computer systems, chess, AD&D, science fiction, space development. "I began my journey into transvestism in order to discover why someone would want to change his/her gender and/or sex. While I am beginning to understand why, I am uncertain as to whether or not I have the need for cross-genderization."
Teresa K. (IL-1969)

Naomi O. (IL-0257)

NAOMI O. (IL) (#56)
IFGE Board of Directors, Chrprsn Legal & By-Laws Committee
Member: Chi Chapter
Participant: Fantasia Fair, "Be All", 'Coming Together'
Awards: Miss Fantasia Fair, Miss Congeniality
"Chicago attorney who loves the better things in life. Enjoy travel, photography, food, fashion and jewelry. active in midwest CD activities. Have appeared on radio and television in Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Boston, Philadelphia, and Minneapolis."
Naomi O., Box 342, Chicago, IL 60690 (IL-0257)

Karen R. (IL-1514)

KAREN MICHELLE R. (IL) (#55)
Member: Chi Chapter
Participant: Holiday En Femme
"A couple of years older and wiser. Feeling good about who I am. I still believe that being Karen is still what it's all about - now more than ever. I love to help my sisters. I've heard from so many. Hope to hear from you - yes you! I wouldn't mind letters from real girls and TS's too!"
Karen R. (IL-1514)

RENAE (IL) (#57)
6'2", 250. Interests include sailing, carpentry, trains.
"A bit shy - would like to join a group, or just get together with a few friends to

learn more about myself. Will answer all who write."
Renae (IL-1931)

Patti (IL-2166)

PATTI (IL) (#58)
Tall, friendly, nutty!
Interests: Music, sports, clothes, collecting fans and hats, hypnosis.
"Enjoy dressing in exotic costumes. At other times, I enjoy passing as a grandmother. I love developing my feminine side and being treated as a woman. I would love to exchange letters, photos, and fantasies with anyone who wants a nutty girlfriend."
Patti (IL-2166)

Geri W. (IL-1400)

GERI WATERS (IL) (#55)
Member: SLGF
6', 190 (and losing), brown hair, hazel eyes, Leo, good natured. Enjoys art, writing, cars, good friends.
"Looking for sisters & friends in the St. Louis area to share ideas and get-togethers. Pass well in public and enjoy going out. I'm also a columnist for a national publication."
Geri W. (IL-1400)

PATRICIA CHAPMAN (N IL) (#55)
Member: CIGA, CGS
"I am a 43 yr old M-F TS on hormones, with a physical handicap (amputee). Living as a female. Would like to meet and correspond with other pre-op or post-op TS's. Am planning to have SRS in the Spring or early Summer."
Patricia C. (IL-1560)

Cindy H. (IL-1757)

CINDY SUE H. (IL) (#55)
Member: Chicago Gender Society, Chi Chapter Tri-Ess
MWM, 41, 6', married to understanding & loving wife. Attractive, fun loving, outgoing.
Cindy H. (IL-1757)

Jamie H. (IL-2470)

JAMIE ELLEN H. (IL) (#56)
Member: CIGA
5'9", 174, 47, M-F TS. Brown hair and eyes. 16 going on 14. Non-supportive wife. No cigarettes, drugs, or alcohol. Interests: Reading sci-fi, mystery, and war, writing, cooking, sewing, woodworking, camping, and all things feminine. "Started hormones 5/91. Would like to hear from TV's or TS's with same or different interests. Go out dressed and pass."
Jamie Ellen H. PO Box 1164, LaSalle, IL 61301 (IL-2470)

STEPHANIE G. (C IL) (#55)
SWM TV, 5'9", 135, 31, brown hair, size 10-12. Enjoys cross-dressing, photography, shopping, being a woman, sci-fi books, girl talk. "I'm just coming out of the closet & can use all the help I can get. Hope to one day live full time as a woman. Please be discrete. Please write."
Stephanie G. (IL-2411)

KIM NICOLE (N IL) (#55)
Tall, thin, feminine body features, intelligent, witty, articulate, & fun loving. Enjoys arts, theater, movies, outdoor recreation (summer preferred), travel, and, oh yes . . . shopping! Professional television director/cinematography. Have been "cross-dressing" in public since 14 years old (or over half my life).
Kim N. (IL-2494)

Jan N. (IL-2737)

JAN NEVILLE (N IL) (#57)
Single, white, TV, 5'11", 165, 30's, blonde hair, brown eyes.
"Friendly, passable, and totally into all aspects of femininity. I love music and art, not macho activities. My happiest day was when I realized that I could no longer resist my TV yearnings and simply gave in and started dressing. I'm interested in meeting TV's with similar interests as well as men interested in dating."
Jan Neville, P.O. Box 8437, Northfield, IL 60093 (IL-2737)

Gloria W. (IL-0613)

GLORIA WRIGHT (IL) (#57)
Member: Tri-Ess (vice-president), CGS (secretary)
5'3" tall, 38 years young. Interests: Writing, dancing, singing, jogging, karate. "I've been a terrible correspondent lately because of time constraints, but I'll attempt to write to those I can."
G. Wright, P.O. Box 172, Gurnee, IL 60031 (IL-0613)

SUE PASHEN (NE IL) (#57)
Member: IFGE
38, 5'10", 150, shy. Likes walks, dining out, movies, reading, art, science, B/D. SWM-F TS, no drugs, smoking, drinking; clean, discreet. "Have always liked women, even my feminine side. If a girl exists out there who can accept a TS with very little experience, and can teach Sue how to live a real life, even if just at home (in Chicago suburbs), please get in touch."
Sue P. (IL-2751)

BETTY (IL) (#55)
Member: CIGA
52, 6', 220, white. "I am shy, in the closet, not ready to dress in a group yet. I would like to meet others who would show me how to dress and become more feminine."
Betty (IL-2488)

LINDA (IL) (#58)
MWM, 5'11", 170, 50's, in closet due to job identity. Wife not accepting. Interests: Baking, cooking, gardening, model railroading, geology, travel. "Dress at home only. Interested in meeting and talking to other CD's as a private support group."
Boxholder, P O Box 8751, Waukegan, IL 60079 (IL-2977)

MISSOURI (630- 658-)

Bernice M. (MO-2018)

BERNICE M. (MO) (#57)
Member: Crossdressers International - Tulsa, OK
Single, 5'9", brown eyes, long curly brown hair, 130; pre-op TS, 40ish.
"I would like to correspond with others of like interest, and meet those in my area (SW MO and/or Tulsa OK)."
Bernice M. (MO-2018)

ANGELA JOHNSON (MO) (#57)
Member: St Louis Gender Foundation (formerly the St Louis Gateway Femmes)
Single, black, male TV, 5'11", 170, tall, slim, fun to be with. My interests are: Photography, travel, dressing when I can.
"I enjoy socializing, going out, and dancing. I would like to meet and/or correspond with other TV's, TS's and women

who understand."

Angela J., P.O. Box 23323, St. Louis, MO 63156 (MO-1162)

Angela J. (MO-1162)

Sandra U. (MO-2243)

SANDRA ANN U. (SW MO) (#58)

Member: Delta Omega, Tri-Ess, Boulton & Park, SLCF

Participant: Be All, Texas "T" Party

Married to supportive spouse, 5'9", brown eyes, black hair, 65. Spouse says I am an attractive lady.

"I especially love lingerie. My collection of over 200 panties is my pride and joy. I do house work and cook dressed up in my feminine attire. Free to travel any time. My supportive spouse shares my love for pretty, feminine undies."

Sandra Ann U. (MO-2243)

Barbara B. (MO-0258)

BARBARA B. (MO) (#56)

Member: Tiffany

DWM, 50, 5'10", 160, hetero. Interests include music, dancing, fashion. Participant in many Poconos weekends.

"Lifelong crossdresser and made peace with and accepted my feelings years. Thankfully, that time has passed, and now I look forward to meeting many new friends. Value honesty, trustworthiness, and discretion. Have wonderful, supportive

Barbara B. (MO-0258)

ALISON POWELL (C MO) (#56)

Single, hetero TV, 40, 5'8", 135. Love music, theater, movies, nature, travel, reading, gardening, kids, building, literature, anthropology, women's issues. Father. Just coming out to friends. "Dressing for 30+ years, accepting myself, loving it. Am college grad with experience in therapy, interested in gender-related issues. Still learning. Would love to meet M-F TS's or TV's for friendship."

Alison P. (MO-2766)

Barbara C. (MO-1913)

BARBARA ANN C. (MO) (#57)

Member: St. Louis Gender Foundation

MWM, 6'1", overweight, blue eyes. Interests: Photography, writing, sports. "My wife neither understands nor accepts my crossdressing, so all done in secret. I would like to practice more, but cannot under present circumstances. Would like to hear from others in my situation for suggestions and support. Will try to answer all."

Barbara Ann C. (MO-1913)

KANSAS (660- 679-)

Marie B. (KS-1549)

MARIE BENSON (KS) (#55)

Member: Tri-Ess, CAF

Participant: KC Fall Harvest W/E

MWM, hetero TV, masters degree, 6'1", 165, 39, blue eyes, light brown hair. Enjoys guitar, photography, computers. Active in new Kansas City CAF (Crossdressers and Friends) group.

"Have a loving and supportive wife. Enjoy getting out with the group."

Marie Benson, P.O. Box 7744, Overland Park, KS 66207 (KS-1549)

Evelyn B. (KS-0400)

EVELYN B. (E KS) (#56)

Member: CLCC, CAF

Tall, sensitive and caring TS, passable and really into improving my feminine experiences. Serious and advanced crossdresser. "Enjoy going out as much as possible, traveling to new parts of the country and broadening my feminine mind. Interested in meeting other serious crossdressers. Not into long correspondence but can help with resources in the Kansas City area."

Evelyn B. (KS-0400)

Becky C. (KS-1346)

BECKY GAIL CROSLOVE (KS) (#58)

Outgoing, fun-loving girl who takes TV's seriously and wants to help them grow within and without. Public servant 11 yrs., stamp collector, artist.

"I love feminine things and writing to other TV's across the world. I started a research center to help others."

Becky C. (KS-1346)

GLORIA T. (KS) (#57)

34, 6', 155. Interests: Philosophy, nature, camping, herbs, becoming complete.

"I feel blessed to be a balanced, androgynous being, possessing feminine qualities, cursed to live among a crude, gender-harnessed, emotionally crippled society. Would love to correspond with other sisters ad brothers. We are special beings. Wichita area or wherever!"

Gloria T. (KS-2857)

MARIA ANN BOLIN (KS) (#57)

SWM, 5'8", 189, brown hair and eyes. Interests: The outdoors, reading, writing, shopping, movies. "I would like to meet and correspond with the many people in the transgender community. I love all things femme. I'd like to become more involved in the gender community. I'm really looking forward to hearing from you."

Maria B. (KS-2869)

Nancy C. (KS-2189)

NANCY COLE (KS) (#99)

Member: IFGE, Kansas City CAF, SLGF

Participant: 'Coming Together', Fantasia Fair, Texas T-Party, 'Be All'

"I have been crossdressing for years, and enjoy working with and for members of our community. I travel frequently and widely, enjoy just about everything, and do well for myself, both in my male and my female role. Interests include reading, history, movies, current events, and, of course, fashion and beauty. (I'm a sucker for the antebellum stuff.)"

Nancy C. (KS-2189)

Kelly S. (KS-2649)

KELLY S. (KS) (#57)

Married CD, mid-30's, 5'9", 150, size 14, attractive and passable. "I love going out and being treated as a lady. I would like to hear from sincere sisters with like interests to exchange experiences, feelings, and photos. I love all things feminine."

Kelly S. (KS-2649)

JULIE BARNES (KS) (#57)
MWM, TV, 50, 6', 160. "Married. Wife does not know about my crossdressing. Life-long TV. I like to dress as femininely as possible. Look much younger than my age when dressed. Hope to be able to pass as soon as possible. I was finally able to admit to someone else about my dressing (my therapist). I am trying to feel good about myself."
Julie Barnes (KS-2982)

NEBRASKA (680-693-)

JONI P. (E NE) (#56)
MWM TV, 6', 180, sensitive, caring, discreet. Interests: Anything outdoors, bowling, racquetball, dancing, a good bottle of red wine. "My greatest desire is to perfect my femininity. I would love to correspond and possibly meet with passable TV or TS in E. Nebraska or W. Iowa. I need a friend to help me become a complete woman and to share and discuss this beautiful world. Please write."
Joni P. (NE-2437)

MELISSA JEAN (NE) (#57)
DWM, 45, 6'2", 190, life-long TV, easy going and personable. "I like myself and enjoy life. I like everything feminine, people, parties, travel, entertaining, photography, and trying anything new. I strive for Melissa's perfection, but need a woman to critique her. I'm ready to step out into the world, and would like to make friends with women, couples, TS's and other perfectionist TV's for outings and socializing."
Melissa Jean, (NE-2742)

LAURA (NE) (#58)
6', 165, SWM, slim and passable.
Interests: Golf, racketball, and shopping.
"I have not yet met another TV, but I would like to attend Fantasia Fair in October. Need to meet discrete professional person that I'll have confidence in to bring me out. I am a tall, hetero TV that has an extensive wardrobe, and I am passable. I travel, and would be interested in writing anyone who qualifies."
Laura (NE-2973)

LOUISIANA (700-714-)

Lee M. (LA-1618)
LEE MYMICK (LA) (#55)
Member: Tri Delta Chi
Participant: Coming Together, Fantasia Fair, Texas 'T' Party, Fantasy Adventure W/E

Married WM, 5'10", 170. "Ring leader of Tri Delta Chi Chapter of Tri-Ess in New Orleans. Would like to hear from more cross-dressers in the surrounding area."
Lee M., c/o Tri Delta Chi, P.O. Box 870213, New Orleans, LA 70187-1300 (LA-1618)

Lisa H. (LA-1717)
LISA HART (LA) (#56)
SWM TV, 36, slim athletic build. Attractive, successful professional.
"Dress only occasionally, but to go out when I do. Would like to meet female who will accept my infrequent need to relax from the self-imposed pressures of my 'type A' existence in the guise of a carefree, affable young woman. I'd also like to correspond and exchange photos with potential TV/TS friends."
Lisa H. (LA-1717)

Vicki D. (LA-2409)
VICKI DIXON (LA) (#56)
Member: Tri Delta Chi
Participant: 'Fantasy Adventure', Texas 'T' Party
MWM, 5'8", 145, 40-ish, size 10, college educated, sensitive, very passable. Enjoys shopping with wife, and dressing with style and class. Enjoys motorcycles and boating. "I'm happily married to a beautiful and supportive wife. My wife and I are devout Christians. I know who I am and have accepted it. Will answer all mail as quickly as possible."
Vicki Dixon, P.O. Box 77905, Baton Rouge, LA 70879 (LA-2409)

Michelle B. (LA-2373)
MICHELLE BECKER (LA) (#55)
Member: Tri Delta Chi
Lifelong TV, 5'7", 108, 40. Enjoys fashions, make-up, pretty shoes and clothes.
"I have been living in the closet until I got involved with Tri Delta. I love dressing and being accepted for what I am. Would love to correspond with passable TV/TS for friendship, meetings and photo exchange, especially in the New Orleans area."
Michelle Becker, P.O. Box 963, Gramercy, LA 70052 (LA-2373)

Diane B. (LA-2467)
DIANE ELAINE (SE LA) (#56)
Member: Tri Delta Chi
MWM, 39, 6', 160, emerging CD, currently SO does not really understand.
"I would like to hear from any TS/TV/CD sincerely interested in corresponding. I promise a caring reply to all letters."
DEB, P.O. Box 51611, New Orleans, LA 70151-1611

STEPHANIE S. (LA) (#56)
Member: Renaissance
Very tall, good personality, good listener, open minded and easy going. Enjoys shopping, music, travel, video/stereo equipment, fine lingerie.
"I've been a TV for over 10 years and I'm always seeking the ways to refine and more fully enjoy my femininity. Want to communicate with anyone 20-40 with similar interests. Discretion assured."
Stephanie S. (LA-2545)

JERRI N. (NW LA) (#55)
Member: Beta Chi
Participant: Texas T-Party
6'1", 230, 47. "Like sports. Travel a lot throughout the South, and would like contacts in the South and Southwest especially."
Jerri N., P.O. Box 38048, Shreveport, LA 71133-8048 (LA-2521)

Diane C. (LA-2840)
DIANE CLARK (LA) (#57)
Member: Tri Delta Chi
Hetero WM, 5'11", 150, soon to be married, size 10T. Interests: Fishing, football, the outdoors. "Degreed. Would like to meet others in NW LA, E TX, and SW AK for informal get-togethers. Enjoy nice fashions and high heels. Will answer all replies immediately."
Diane Clark, P.O. Box 8119, Shreveport, LA 71148-8119 (LA-2840)

Alice H. (LA-2964)
ALICE HEBERT (LA) (#57)
Member: Tri Delta Chi in New Orleans
TV, 6'2 1/2", middle-aged.
Alice (LA-2964)

BILLIE (LA) (#57)
5'12", 170, 30, brownish blonde hair, single. Interests: Fishing, astronomy, bicycling, rock-climbing. "I have been a CD with a strong TS leaning as long as I can remember. Would like to hear from and possibly meet other CD's and TS's, especially in the NW LA area. Am still fairly closeted, but I have gone out a time or two."
Billie (LA-2836)

ARKANSAS (716-729-)

Stephenie F. (AR-1841)

STEPHENIE RENEE' (AR) (#57)

MWM, 5'8", 145, 37, brown hair/eyes.

"Interested in corresponding and helping others, discussing life in general, being Stephenie. Married to a very supportive, helpful, and understanding wife. She has brought out and helped develop Stephenie into The Total Girl. Pass fairly well when out, yet always open to improvement."

S. R. Fowler, P.O. Box 1835, Springdale, AR 72765 (AR-1841)

Randi S. (AR-1708)

RANDI S. (AR) (#55)

Member: CDI

SWM, Bi-, 5'11", 155. Lifelong CD, brown hair & blue eyes. "I wish to contact sincere femmes, & boys who would rather be girls. Enjoy shopping, quiet evenings, & girl talk. Interested in childhood dressing experiences & and freelance writing."

Randi S. (AR-1708)

Jana (AR-2557)

JANA (S AR) (#56)

Member: Beta Chi

MWM, 50ish, 5'8", 165. Enjoy golf, photography, video, flying, travel.

"Can we talk? Spouse knows, helps, but not that supportive. Into full dressing six years. Made guarded public appearances. Love being dressed, feeling feminine. Love it all, from 38-C's to 4" heels. Love to share experiences, photos, and much more."

Jana (AR-2557)

TRACEY JOANNA (C AR) (#56)

TV, 6', 185, 29, reddish-blond hair, blue eyes. "I love dressing feminine whenever possible. My wife understands, but is not supportive. Am coming out of the closet. Considering hormones. Enjoy shopping and making new friends. Would like to join or help start a CD,TV,TS support group in central Arkansas. Please drop me a line. Will answer all letters."

T.J. Rhodes (AR-2682)

OKLAHOMA (730-749-)

Jerri S. (OK-1830)

JERRI ELIZABETH S. (OK) (#56)

SWM TV, 6'1", 210, 37 years old - and all as a TV. Enjoys history, non-fiction, and sci-fi, music, dining out, dancing, and just being the woman that I am.

"Looking for other TV/TS's and anyone to share their good times and bad times in the world. I just want to help others to grow and understand who we are and will become in the future."

Jerri S. (OK-1830)

Daphne P. (OK-2367)

DAPHNE PRESCOTT (NE OK) (#56)

Member: CDI Tulsa

TV with TS tendencies. 5'7", 130, blue eyes, slender and fairly passable. Enjoys music, writing, fashion, history, feminine lifestyle, and going out dressed. "I have been a cross-dresser since age four and am always looking for ways to improve my feminine image. Would enjoy hearing from anyone and will answer all letters."

Daphne P. (OK-2367)

RAINA PEARSON (C OK) (#55)

Member: Tri-Ess

42 year-old government employee, had the desire to dress most of life from about age 10. "Been out of closet about 3 years. Married to a somewhat supportive wife. Will reply to all letters received."

Raina Pearson, Box 764, Harrah, OK 73045 (OK-2381)

TERRI SYKES (OK) (#58)

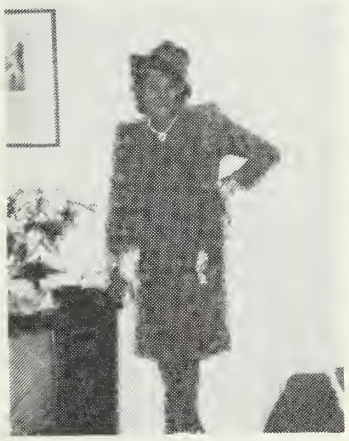
Member: Tri-Ess, Delta Omega/Dallas

Participant: Texas "T" Party, '90,'91

5'10", 155. "I would like to make contact with other CD's in the Okla. City area to possibly form a local Tri-Ess chapter."

Terri Sykes, P.O. Box 14414, Okla. City, OK 73113 (OK-1324)

TEXAS (750-799-)



Karen S. (TX-2139)

KAREN SCOTT (TX) (#58)

Member: Tri Delta Chi

Interests: Sports, watching football.

"Retired. Have very supportive fiancee. Master's degree. Former coach. Capt. USAF. Stockbroker. Fifteen years in the merchant marine. Have dressed since teens. Would love to hear from crossdressers interested in forming a group in the area around New Orleans.

Karen S. (TX-2139)

Lee J. (TX-25126)

LEE JENKINS (TX) (#58)

Singly TV, brown hair and eyes (hair color not constant). Enjoys music, writing, photography, sports, and making videos. "Love dressing fully and being feminine. Just beginning to venture out in public, and would like support from a sincere TV, TS, or understanding female."

Lee Jenkins, #290, P O Box 2013, Austin, TX 78768-2013 (TX-2516)

Rikki S. (TX-2201)

RIKKI SCOTT (S TX) (#58)

Late 40's professional man, lifelong CD with tolerant spouse. Enjoy classical and jazz music, sailing, psychological and family history aspects of gender dysphoria. Doing research into gender dysphoria. Would appreciate all contacts and info (especially family history) on your CD experience.

Occupant, Box 26031, Austin, TX78755

Janice R. (TX-0567)

JANICE HILARY RUPARD (S TX) (#56)

Member: Boulton & Park (co-founder), IFGE Board (Alt)

Participant: Texas T-Party (co-founder), 'Coming Together', Fantastic Adventure, '90 In 90'

MWM TG, 5'9", 160, 18, 60's but 40. Sensitive, caring nature. Interests: Classical music, play 'big band' and jazz on sax, photography and everything feminine. Live alone. "Since retiring, I've developed my femininity. Janice goes anywhere. I shop, work, travel . . . Slow, but will answer all. Your photo will be enjoyed."

Janice Rupard, P.O. Box 63112, Wetmore, TX 78163 (TX-0567)

Jane Ellen F. (TX-1250)

JANE ELLEN FAIRFAX (E TX) (#57)

Attendee: 'Coming Together', Holiday En Femme, Texas T-Party

President, Tau Chi Chapter, '88 - '89, SEC Conference Interim Chairman, Tri-Ess Board of Directors, Coordinator, Holiday En Femme, Femme Mirror Editorial Staff.

43, 6'2", 210, chestnut hair, green eyes. Jane has been an active for over five years. Interests include church, sports, music, bridge, medieval English history, and Sherlock Holmes. Jane and Francis have two young sons who have known and loved "Aunt Jane" from birth. Enjoy helping new CD's and their wives.

Jane Ellen (TX-1250)

Rene F. (TX-0989)

RENE' FENNER (W TX) (#56)

Member: Tri-Ess, GCTVC, CHIC, Boulton & Park

Participant: 'Coming Together', Texas 'T' Party, Fantastic Adventure W/E

MWM, 58, 6'1", 200. "I go to restaurants and travel frequently as Rene'. Wife knows but is not approving. Always trying to improve feminine image. Also enjoy amateur radio and fishing. Will answer any correspondence received."

Rene' F. (TX-0989)

MARY LEE (N TX) (#55)

5'10", 160. Size 14/16. Ex-military. Still earning a living, although 60. Avid reader. Enjoys crossdressing, things regarding gender reassignment and adoption, feminism, and Christianity & its view of TV/TS. "Will answer all letters but it sometimes takes me a long time."

Mary Lee, Box 532535, Grand Prairie, TX, 75053-2535 (TX-1626)

Marlina M. (TX2211)

MARLINA DAWN MURPHY (S TX) (#58)

Member: Heart of Texas TV, Boulton & Park

Participant: Texas "T" Party, Fantastic Adventure

MWM, 6'2, 180, blue eyes, size 12/14, 50, professional. Interests: fishing, gourmet cooking, soft music, wines, dressing. "Have supportive wife who helps me become the lady I like to be. Dressing since eight. Out and about as much as time allows. Interested especially in west TX and San Angelo area."

Marlina Dawn Murphy, P.O. Box 30413, San Angelo, TX 76903-0413 (TX-2211)

Carol B. (TX-2179)

CAROL BAKER (N TX) (#58)

Member: Houston Gulf Coast TG, Austin HTGA, Associate member of Dallas/Fort Worth Delta Omega.

Attended: All three Texas T Parties, Fantastic Adventure W/E

5'11", 165, married with supportive family. Interests: Going out in public, meeting people, promoting our style of life, correspondence. "Outgoing. Not shy. Love TG. Try to present best image and never harm TV. Go out often and love it. Love to meet 'real' people."

Carol Baker, Box 1424, Waco, TX76703 (TX-2179)

BETTE LEE JOHNSON (N TX) (#56)

IFGE Board of Directors, Chrmn Programs Committee, 'Coming Together' Staff

Member: Dallas Chapter Tri-Ess

Attractive TV, 50's, sensitive, caring, outgoing, and comfortable in the joys of being a woman. "I enjoy being dressed and feeling feminine. Am told I pass well. Enjoy parties with other TV ladies, and being out en-femme (with discretion). Dedicated to serving 'our' world and helping people just coming out, who may need help and advice."

Bette J. (TX-0543)

KIM KELLY (W TX) (#56)

Bi-TV, 5'8", 170. Enjoys spectator sports, TVism, travel. Lived in Puerto Rico 20 yrs. "Can entertain or travel. Would like to join TV group in El Paso area. Will answer all letters ASAP."

C.R. Kelly, P.O. Box 12113, El Paso, TX 79913 (TX-1690)

MAXINE MCDONALD (N TX) (#55)

Member: Delta-Omega (Dallas)

Attendee: FanFair (11 yrs.)

Awards: Ms. Most Helpful, Outreach Award

"Am into pipe organs, broadcasting, video production, streetcars, computers. I write letters to legislators and generally lobby for the interests of our community."

Occupant, Box 2171, Dallas, TX 75231 (TX-2223)

CASEY COLE (S TX) (#56)

Member: HTTV, Boulton & Park

Hetero TV, 39, 5'11". "Enjoy music, building my own house, outdoor activities. Active in several clubs. Interested in visiting others while traveling."

Casey C. (TX-1907)

Melanie T. (TX-1866)

MELANIE THORNE (E TX) (#56)

Member: Tri-Ess

Participant: Texas 'T' Party, Be All, Holiday En Femme, Fantasia Fair, Fantasy Adventure W/E

Young 51 yr old CD, married to ultimate supportive SO. "Enjoy everything feminine, travel, & beautiful wife! Wife, Dr. Peggy Rudd, and I enjoy meeting & talking with TV's, TS's, TG's, in all parts of the world. Peggy is a resource to other SO's."

Melanie T. (TX-1866)

JAYE R. (E TX) (#55)

Member: Tau Chi, Crossroads

Awards: Tau Chi 'Helping Professional of the Year' 1988

59 year old hetero CD, author, pilot, motorcyclist, Mackintosh computer consultant, retired military, retired psychologist, divorced. Copy editor Femme Mirror.

Jaye R. (TX-2382)

ROY H. (N TX) (#56)

DWM non-crossdresser, 5'10", 42, world traveler. Enjoy movies, videos, travel, records, concerts, quiet talks.

"Would like to meet pre- or post-op TS for long lasting, honest, caring relationship. No games, no lies, just me. I have a nice beat and I'm easy to dance to."

Roy H. (TX-2370)

Heather W. (TX-2384)

HEATHER MICHELLE WILSON (N TX) (#55)

Member: Delta Omega

Single CD, 33, 6', 28" waist, enjoys sailing, aerobics and shopping. One of numerous "Michelles" who attended Texas T-Party, and added new name.

"Seek correspondence with other hetero CD's searching for a wife. Heather wants to be happy with herself. Like to attend a major Dallas social event as Heather. Favorite looks: Classy, career."

H.M. Wilson, Box 550802, Dallas, TX 75355 (TX-2384)

Donna W. (TX-2476)

DONNA WHITE (N TX) (#56)

Extremely sweet, effeminate TV, 5'9", 155, looking for friends. "Passing in public and getting second glances from men is my favorite pastime. Would like to meet other sisters, and share experiences."

Donna W. (TX-2476)

JHERI LEE SUMMERS (E TX) (#56)

Member: Tau Chi, TransPitt, Delta Omega, CGS, Flipside, IFGE Supporting.

6'2", 210, size 22, mid 40's, passable as a Giant Economy Size woman. Professional consultant.

"Want to contacts with sisters all over. Travel extensively. Drive Houston/Dallas often. Entrusted in Texas sisters. We can all be all we wish to be. Live half in Callas, half in Houston. Want to do all I can to help our community. TG except for work."

Jheri Lee S. (TX-2525)

Dee Ann (TX-2691)

DEE ANNE (S TX) (#56)

WMM, middle-age, educated, sales, hetero, with bi interests. Sincere, selective, caring, closet TV, size 16 dieting to 14, nice figure, graduated to full dress.

"Want to fine tune femininity with attractive, LOCAL, accomplished, TV-TG, 40-55. Married with accepting other. Weekday time and ok site only. Interests are long-term, social: golf, lunches, dressing with refined person. Consider local, unencumbered, accepting TS or GG."

Dee Anne (TX-2691)

Laura T. (TX-1254)

LAURA TAYLOR (TX) (#58)

SWM, TV, 5'9", 170, mid-30's.

"I'm just coming out and would like to correspond with and meet others who love the feminine mystique. I would love someone to share and help with make-up, wigs, etc. My goal is to be totally passable and to be treated and admired as a young woman. Will respond to all with letter and photo."

Laura T. (TX-1254)

PATTI (SE TX) (#57)

Very naturally nice-looking at age 60.

"I pass easily. A bit of a loner. My major interest at this point is to enjoy my femininity to the fullest. I have just reached the hormone stage. Have a supportive SO. Was president and CEO of a large corporation for many years."

Patti Lynch (TX-2768)

DONNA MILLER (N TX) (#57)

"I would love to come out, but I need some help in doing so. Am interested in all TV goings-on. I want to be able to dress the way I want to, to be a total woman in every way. I am interested in actively supporting organizations that help our community."

Donna Miller (TX-2767)

Barbara Ann (TX-2951)

BARBARA ANN (TX) (#57)

SBM Hetero TV. Lifelong CD, but still in the closet. "Enjoy dressing and feeling feminine. Love heels, hose, etc., but as part of the total look. Would love photo exchange, especially with other black crossdressers."

Barbara Ann (TX-2951)

Donna M. (TX-1734)

DONNA E. MOBLEY (TX) (#56)

Member: Fiesta Chapter (President), Tri-Ess Board of Directors

Participant: 'Coming Together', Holiday En Femme

SWM, 40's, 5'10", 150, widower. Fanatic skier/racer. Hobbies: scale model aircraft, photography. Widely traveled, college grad, former military (combat correspondent). Now freelance audio/video/TV producer (no jokes please).

"Passable in public if it's dark and foggy. Travel anywhere I can reach on a tankful of coffee. Promise a reply."

Donna M. (TX-1734)

JANEY LEE (SE TX) (#57)

Member: Newest member of Humanity

SWM, 5'11", 140, blue eyes. Enjoy reading (amateur historian), outdoor activities, roses. "Just coming out, and would love to make friends. Easy listener who loves to give advice. Typical Virgo. Excited about myself and new world of understanding and compassion. Please write, and let's get acquainted. Would love to entertain at my home. Like to hear from TS's and GG's who like humor, good food, and music."

J. Berg, P.O. Box 128, Texas City, TX 77592 (TX-2772)

D.C. (TX) (#57)

Hetero, 6'2", 210, blue eyes, brown hair. Interests: Music, personal computers.

"I am a respected professional, completely in the closet. Scared to death. Want to meet others for a chance to dress and relax in a safe environment. No experience with make-up or wigs. Looks need lots of help. Looking for crossdressers in the San Antonio area."

D.C. (TX-2855)

Robyn B. (TX-2750

ROBYN M. BERRY (TX) (#57)

MWM, hetero, CD, 44, 5'8", 190. Interests: Camping, computers, model railroads, dressing every chance I can. "I enjoy looking as feminine as I can, and I especially like petticoats and square dance dresses."

R.M. Berry, P.O. Box 5813, Katy, TX 77491 (TX-2750)

MARY ANN (TX) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess (Delta Omega)

WM, brunette, almost 40 (ugh!), 130, and 2 inches too tall. Interests: Sewing, creative fashion, cooking. "I am looking to correspond with others considering or seeking a future as a TS. Very friendly and outgoing. Would love to share experiences, dreams, and hopes (fears?) for the future. Please take some time and write. Will answer promptly."

Mary Ann (TX-2194)

KAREN MICHELLE RUSNAK (TX) (#59)

Member: Tri-Ess

"You can't keep a good girl down--so you'll never know where I'll pop up next! Nothing has changed; being Karen is what it's all about. 'Nuf said!"

Karen Rusnak, P.O. Box 64980-645, Dallas, TX 75206 (TX-1514)

TAMMY (TX) (#57)

Member: Gulf Coast Transv. Chapter

5'10", blond hair, blue eyes, 170. Interests: Motorcycles, carving, violin.

Tammy (TX-2933)

COLORADO (800- 816-)

SHIRLEY K. KNIGHT (CO) (#55)

Participant: Tiffany's P-town Outing, Texas T-Party, GGA Spring Fling

SWM TV, 47, 5'8", friendly, fun, and feminine. "I enjoy traveling, church activities, and going out in public dressed."

Shirley K. Knight, P.O. Box 1042, Pueblo, CO 81002 (CO-0493)

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Laura S. (CO-1556)

LAURA S. (CO) (#55)

Member: GIC - Denver, Delta Chapter

Participant: Fantasia Fair, Texas T-Party

MWM TV with TG/TS tendencies, 5'10", 155, 42. Fun loving, caring person interested in bringing dignity & respect to our community. Enjoy being Laura, shopping, gardening, flying, cooking, rock n' roll music, being with friends.

"My wife has become fairly supportive since attending Texas T-Party. Been dressing since 5. Am developing best friendships ever with sisters met at Fan Fair and T-Party."

Laura S. (CO-1556)

SHANA (C CO) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess, IFGE

Participant: 'Be All'

Divorced, 6', 135, hetero, 55. Interested in photography, sailing, writing, parapsychology.

"Been dressing since age 5. Have found acceptance as an entertainer in recent years. Enjoy doing fantasy makeup and costumes for friends. Slow correspondent, but will write to TV's and sympathetic ladies."

Shana, Box 3613, Littleton CO 80161 (CO-1088)

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ROXANNE SALEM (C CO) (#56)
40+, male TV. "I'm a frequent and compulsive CD who enjoys the masquerade and eroticism of assuming my feminine role."
Roxanne S. (CO-2600)

Jacquelyn G. (CO-2923)

JACQUELYN ST. GREGORY (CO) (#57)
DWM, TV with TS feelings, 35, 6'1", 153, artistic, very sensitive and caring. Interests: Shopping, cooking, art, design, movies, travel. "My life-long tendencies were suppressed. Having survived cancer, I have been 'reborn' and since Jan. '90 have been completely committed. Currently I spend at least half of each day as a female. Looking for friends to share correspondence, support, and activities."
Jaquelyn St.Gregory, P.O. Box, 5553, Security, CO 80931-5553 (CO-2923)

Carolyn K. (CO-2979)

CAROLYN ELAINE K. (CO) (#57)
Member: Tri-Ess.
Professional writer, single, 46, 5'11", 155. Interests: Playwriting, acting, literature, music, running. "Two years ago, I joined the local Tri-Ess chapter in order to prop open that closet door. Sadly, after attending two meetings, I let it shut on me. Now, I'd like to try again. It would help immensely to know some Colorado CD's tolerant of my timidity, or going through their own coming out difficulties. Please write."
Carolyn K. (CO-2979)

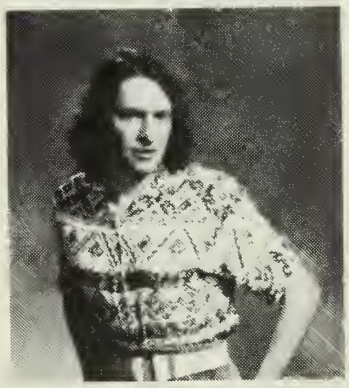
JILL BENEDICT (CO) (#58)
Member: Denver GIC
Events attended: GIC 10th Anniversary and Coming Together.
"Dedicated in service to promoting the gender community as a viable and dignified component of society."
Jill Benedict (CO-2957)

WYOMING (820-831-)

Michelle I. (WY--2696)

MICHELLE (E WY) (#57)
MWM, 33, 5'7", 135, dark brown hair. Shopping, movies, music, fashionable clothing, dancing. Very understanding and helpful wife. "Have been dressing since age 10, but just now coming out of the closet. Enjoy going out for dinner, a movie, shopping dressed as Michelle. Would like to meet or correspond with other lovely sisters. Can't travel, but would love to entertain."
M. Ingle, P.O. Box 3285, Billette, WY 82717-3285 (WY-2696)

IDAHO (832-838-)



Davi B. (ID-2078)

DAVI B. (ID) (#57)
Single TV, TS tendencies, 5'11", 140, 40's, brown eyes, hair.
"I love going to the mall to shop for clothes. Going to a mall is the best part of my week. Enjoy water/snow skiing, roller skating, bowling, hook rugs. Would like to meet or hear from other sisters from all over that love doing the same things. Possible exchange of pictures and cassettes as well as letters."
Davi B. (ID-2078)

UTAH (840-847-)

Kandee S. (UT-2726)

KANDEE' STORRS (UT) (#57)
Member: RCGSE
DWM, 37, 5'10", 180. Professional engineer, makeup artist (photo & special effects), P/T female impersonator. Interested in amateur radio, electronics, sci-fi movies, all forms of makeup, costuming, wigs, performing in shows, passing perfectly. "Would love to meet GG, possibly performer, with similar interests for mutual improvement of our illusion and performance skills. Dream of owning own nightclub, classy shows, one day."
Kandee' S. (UT-2726)

Christy M. (UT-2816)

CHRISTY MILLER (UT) (#57)
TV/TS. Interests: Shopping, sailing, travel, photography, airplanes, cooking.
"Free to enjoy the company of sisters who, like me, have taken that major step out of the deep dark closet. Grateful for those who have been kind enough to assist me during the short period since I was liberated. Excited over what each new day may bring in the way of new friends and understanding in my new role."
Christy Miller, P O Box 21041, Salt Lake City, UT 84121-0041 (UT-2816)

ARIZONA (850-864-)

Wendi P. (AZ-1072)

WENDI DANIELLE PIERCE (AZ) (#57)
IFGE Chairman of the Board of Directors
Member: A Rose, IFGE Supporting Member
Attended: Coming Together, Be All, Fantasia Fair, Texas T-Party
Single post-op TS, 5'8", 150, 40.
Co-founder of 'A Rose', public speaker at university level on crossdressing and transgender issues, very active in TV/TS Community. "I welcome correspondence although I cannot promise a quick response. My motto is 'GO FOR IT', and I have!"
Wendi Danielle P., c/o A Rose, P.O. Box 4351, Scottsdale, AZ 85261 (AZ-1072)

Jamie C. (AZ-2335)

JAMIE C. (AZ) (#55)
Bi TV, 5'11", 155, 38, brown eyes, black hair. "Looking for other TV/TS's or understanding females who like CD's. Prefer age 21-45. I am an open minded person, very discrete. Expect the same. Send photo with letter."
Boxholder, P.O. Box 36563, Phoenix, AZ 85067 (AZ-2335)

Priscilla S. (AZ-2457)

PRISCILLA ANN S. (SW AZ) (#55)

SWM bi(?) TV, 61, 6'2", 185, size 20 T, retired. Graying, dedicated CD, loves all things feminine, dress to "age style", of approx.50. "Strictly a closet TV. Would like quiet social relationships with other mature TV/CD's (50-65+ age range). On quiet side, introvert, easy going, but warm and friendly. Would like to exchange correspondence/photos with TV sisters."

Priscilla S. (AZ-2457)

Lee R. (AZ-2514

LEE REYNOLDS (AZ) (#56)

Member: Tri-Ess: Alpha Zeta (IFGE Representative)

Participant: Holiday en Femme, Coming Together

MWM, TV, 56, 5'11", 170. Outgoing, friendly, sense of humor. "I love to write and correspond with other sisters. I live near Prescott. I enjoy photography and exchanging videos with other crossdressers. I promise to write all who include photo."

Lee Reynolds, P.O. Box 39354, Phoenix, AZ 85069 (AZ-2514)

GEORGIA B. (AZ) (#56)

Post-op TS, 5'5", 40, auburn hair, hazel eyes, struggling to lose weight. Enjoy computers (including games), current events, and developing friendships, especially with other TS's. "Would like to correspond with other TS's to develop new friendships, also understanding males who are cuddly, active chubbies. Have IBM-PC with modem, let's network. Would like to socialize. My place for coffee?"

Georgia B. (AZ-1012)

Cindee G. (AZ-2644)

CINDEE G. (S AZ) (#57)

MWM, 40, 5'9", 138, green eyes.

"Attractive as a lady according to understanding wife. Interested in landscaping, model airplane building, and especially dressing up, and trying new and different feminine attire and wigs. Looking for friends like myself to show off to. Still in closet, but would like to get out and about en femme. Just need more encouragement and support."

Cindee G. P.O. Box 3332, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 (AZ-2644)

Tommie F. (AZ-1158)

TOMMIE (E AZ) (#57)

Member: Butterfly, Tri-Ess (Delta and Alpha Zeta)

Participant: Holiday En Femme, 'Be All'

Single TV, 50, 6', 170, size 14/16T, hetero. "A real fanatic for heels, hose, panties, and bras. Enough undies and outerwear to start own boutique. Also like photography, historical and model railroading, and military history. Would like to meet, correspond and exchange photos. Will answer all."

Tommie F., P.O. Box 182, Safford AZ 85548-0182 (AZ-1158)

JAMIE R. (AZ) (#55)

59, 6'2", 200, size 20-22, 42C. Professional pilot. "Have dressed over 10 years. Dress constantly at home; 100% supportive wife. I confine my activities mostly to the home and Tri-ess events. Would never wear my male clothes again if I could."

Jamie R. (AZ-1552)

Carol D. (AZ-2509)

CAROL DEARBORN (S AZ) (#55)

Pre-op, never married, TS. Enjoys peace, revisionist/conspiratorial history, unorthodox scientific/medical theory, children, hiking, nude beaches. "Have no regrets in following my chosen path - I am/become whatever I am/become."

Miss Dearborn, P.O. Box 1417, Tucson AZ 85702 (AZ-2509)

Carol M. (AZ-2577)

CAROL MARSHALL (S AZ) (#56)

Member: Alpha Zeta, Tri-Ess

45, 6'2", 210, college-educated. Interests include reading, cooking, homemaking skills, art, perfecting my feminine self.

"I am a hetero CD married to a very supportive woman. We would like to correspond with other couples who are supportive of one another to compare lifestyles and make friends. I am slowly coming out, and after meeting other CD/TG/TS's, have begun to relax and enjoy my femininity."

C.M., P.O. Box 4246, Tubac, AZ 85646 (AZ-2577)

VERONICA HALL (C AZ) (#56)

6', 160, 52, blue eyes, shoulder-length light brown hair. Hetero TV. I enjoy walking, swimming, ice-skating, and shopping.

"I am interested in developing friendships with ladies who have similar interests, and who live in, or near Tucson."

Ms. V. Hall (AZ-2648)

JENNIFER (AZ) (#57)

DWM, 6', 170, 44, warm, sharing and caring. Interests: Good food, music, cuddling, and dressing to the max. Good wardrobe--extensive lingerie, heels, wigs, makeup, etc.

"Would like to meet other TV's or TS's."

Jennifer (AZ-1056)

NEW MEXICO (870-884-)

PAULA PATTERSON (NM) (#55)

Member: Fiesta

5'8", 148, divorced, 2 children. Work in bank with computers, like science fiction. Interested in philosophy, religion.

"What is going out like where you live? I'll answer all letters."

Paula P. (NM-2448)

GLENDA RENEE JONES (NM) (#57)

Member: TCNE, Tri-Ess, IFGE Supporting Member

Participant: 'Coming Together'

"My wife Linda Phillis is active and well known in the paraculture. Hobbies are sewing, gourmet cooking, and writing. Have been out many times. Computer engineer by trade and work in the aerospace industry. Look forward to hearing from anyone."

Glenda Renee Jones, P.O. Box 13083, Albuquerque, NM 87192-3083

NEVADA (890-898-)

PAM NORIS (S NV) (#56)

Member: IFGE

5'8", approx. 135, brown hair/eyes. Very friendly and outgoing. Interested in business, electronics, martial arts, women's clothes and fashions.

"I am new at letting myself go, but this is what I want to be. I could use all the help I can get, and would appreciate it."

Pam N. (NV-2681)

CYNTHIA ELLIS (NV) (#56)

Divorced, pre-op TS, 5'10", 135, 30, brown hair, blue eyes. Interests: Cabinetmaking, antiques, all visual arts and music. "I have successfully transitioned on the job at an Air Force base. If you are having troubles with your transition, maybe I can help. I'm interested in forming friendships with any gender-crossing individuals in the Las Vegas area."

Cynthia E. (NV-2721)

CALIFORNIA (900-960-)

Renee C. (CA-0644)

REN'EE CHEVALIER (S CA) (#57)

IFGE Board of Directors, "Coming Together" Staff

Participant: P-Town WSG Outing, Wine Country Weekend, 'Coming To-

gether'

Awards: The MSL Service Award

MWM, 5'9, 150, passable, and a supporter and hard worker on gender issues. Interests: varied, including photography and carpentry. "I enjoy helping others and bringing newcomers out into the community."

Ren'ee Chevalier (CA-0644)

Laura C. (CA-0480)

LAURA R. COVINGTON (CA) (#58)

DBM, Hetero, 42, 5'8", 150, attractive, sincere, friendly. Enjoys fashion, music movies, photography, reading, and sports. "Would like to correspond with and meet other TV's, TS's, and ladies who understand. Enjoy making new friends throughout the US."

Laura R. Covington, P O Box 10431, Oakland, CA 94160 (CA-0480)

Wendy P. (CA-0390)

WENDY PARKER (S CA) (#56)

Member: IFGE Board of Directors, CHIC, ETVC, NWGA

Participant: Coming Together, Be All, Fantasia Fair, Texas T-Party

Awards: Fantasia Fair: 'Ms. Cinderella'

TG, 42, 5'9", 160, fun, passable, and enjoy going out dressed. "Would like to socialize and correspond with other women, gentle souls, and free femme spirits."

Wendy P. (CA-0390)

Roxie H. (CA-1636)

ROXIE HOROWITZ (S CA) (#55)

S TV, 43, 5'8", 170.

"TV or not TV is not the question, it's the answer. The question is watching television vs. going out crossdressed. Get out of your house, loosen up and go out and be outrageous. In the words of Magic Johnson, 'It's show time!' My goal as a performer was a live, one person show. I run for physical health, speak for my mental health, and crossdress for my creative expression. End your frustration by becoming the opposite sex. Call me, the crossdressing specialist. I am a dragnut!

Roxie Horowitz (CA-1636)

Cynthia H. (CA-1453)

CYNTHIA HOWARD (N CA) (#55)

Member: ETVC, IFGE, RGA, Tri-Ess, ETVC Outreach committee.

Founder, national coordinator of the Gender Alternatives League. Transgenderist, activist. Author, married, 40, S.O. is supportive. "I am very interested in getting our community out of the psychiatric journals and off the can-be-discriminated-against list. I am interested in working with others with the same or similar goals in a cooperative effort to gain freedom of gender expression. If you are interested, contact me."

Cynthia Howard, Box 3392, Napa CA 94558 (CA-1453)

ANN (CA) (#57)

Member: ETVC, RGA, GIC, Neutral Corner

38, 135, 5'7", M-F TS (pre-op), very passable. "Looking for similar TS's interested in non-sexual friendship, possible joint living or career opportunities. No men please."

Ann (CA-1840)

Donna F. (CA-1664)

DONNA LYNN FREEMAN (N CA) (#56)

Member: Tri-Ess, ETVC

Participant: Holiday En Femme, Pajaro Dunes, 'Coming Together'

MWM hetero TV, 43, 5'9", 160, size 16, warm, caring, sensitive; usually passable and working to get better.

"Enjoy good food, good friends and good conversation; computers, shopping and all things feminine. Lifelong CD, public for 3 years, enjoyed every minute. Understanding and actively supportive wife. Am fascinated with how I have changed on this incredible journey."

Donna F. (CA-1664)

Elizabeth J. (CA-1030)

ELIZABETH N. JOHNSON (S CA) (#56)

Pre-op M-F TS, 30's, 6', friendly but shy. Television engineer. Passable with voice, mannerisms & body frame, but in need of makeup & hair styling tips. Interests: Fanatic in fashion sales, indoor plants, sing opera (own soprano voice), computers, bicycles.

"Would like to start a friendship with TV's, TV's and others who are warm, friendly and sincere. Write, call, send video tape (any format), or audio cassette."

Elizabeth J. (CA-1030)

CHRISTY BARRON (S CA) (#56)

5'5", small build, 135 lbs., olive skin, dark hair & eyes, dress size 10/11. 39, educated professional.

"I enjoy running, bicycling, reading, vacationing (especially in Spanish-speaking countries), and being a woman. I love small talk and styles in clothing and grooming. I have a very supportive and understanding wife. My children don't know, but I make a better mom than a dad, and everyone sees that. I'm family oriented and a very supportive, humanistic person."

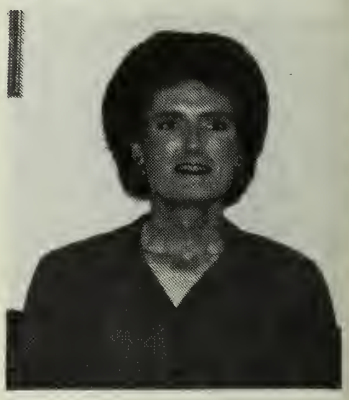
Christy B. (CA-1839)

Angelique B. (CA-0578)

ANGELIQUE BRUMMELL (S CA) (#56)

TS-oriented male, femmiphile, feminist, believe in female rule. Health-oriented individual. 5'11", 160, 42, brown hair, blue eyes. "Enjoy paleontology (esp dinosaurs), inflatable boating, cuddling, animals, & helping people. I also love to bake bread. Very refined and correspondingly difficult to get along with. Agreeable, caring, and compassionate. Possibly excessively honest and still naive. I'm very spiritual but am unable to identify myself fully with any religious organization yet experienced."

Angelique B. (CA-0578)



Susan D. (CA-1811)

SUSAN DAGGETT (S CA) (#56)

Member: Gender Dysphoria Program of Orange County

6', curly brown hair, beautiful hazel eyes, 43 years young. "My life-long transsexual 'battle' is finally turning open and peaceful. I enjoy personal computing, hiking, scuba diving, and being feminine!"

Susan Daggett (CA-1822)

SHARYN STEVENS (N CA) (#58)

SWM TV, born 1960, late 20's, 6', 150 or so, brown hair/eyes. Discreet, intelligent, not bad looking. Enjoys Aikido, peace movement and other liberal/radical politics, computer programming, biology, philosophy and introspection, and learning to cross-dress passably.

"Interested in dating (no smokers please): Women (TS's OK) who are favorably disposed to TV's, female TV's who enjoy role switching, other TV's with only one of us cross-dressed at a time."

Sharyn Stevens (CA-1472)

CINDY TAYLOR (N CA) (#56)

Bi WM, 29, blonde hair, blue eyes. Enjoy photography, music, video, astronomy. "Am interested in corresponding with other TV/TS's on who we are and why. I am interested in photo exchanges

and the 'sub-categories' of TV/TSism. Am very supportive and a good correspondent."

Cindy T. (CA-1727)

Nancy W. (CA-1374)

NANCY WILSON (S CA) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess, Neutral Corner, ETVC

5'9", 150, dark hair & eyes.

"Creator of Crowning Glory Wigs for crossdressers in partnership with Mona (owner of shop). See ad."

Nancy Wilson, c/o Crowning Glory Wigs, P.O. Box 40366, San Diego, CA 92164 (CA-1374)

Janet E. (CA-1102)

JANET EDWARDS (S CA) (#58)

Member: Tri-Ess

Participant: 'Coming Together' 89.

5'9", 150, 41, dark brown hair and eyes, hetero CD, musician.

"Drummer in Mister Sister, the band at the Coming Together convention in '89. Was the first featured girl in Ladylike. Looking for CD's and GG's to go out with in the LA area for fun and friendship. I am passable and comfortable in any situation."

Janet E. (CA-1102)

RACHEL D. (N CA) (#56)

Member: ETVC, RGA

Participant: Fantasia Fair, Texas T-Party

5'10", 180, 51. Enjoy computers, programming, compuserve, bike riding, and, yes, cross-dressing. "Separated after 22 years of marriage. Live at home dressed. 18 year old daughter knows and accepts."

Rachel (CA-1811)

ROXANNE R. (S CA) (#58)

DWM TV, 37, 6'1", 240. Lifetime, closeted TV. Enjoy shopping, dressing, music, frills, golf, and pool. Would like to correspond and meet with other CD's, TS's, or men interested in such. "I am a very open and loving person. Will answer all who write. Live in the Inland Empire area."

Roxanne R. (CA-2174)

Melissa F. (CA-2099)

MELISSA M. FOSTER (S CA) (#58)

Member: Feminine Image, PPOC, ETVC, NWGA, Alpha Zeta, A Rose, Neutral Corner, Tri-Ess

Participant: "Coming Together"

Cute TV, 40's, 5'10", 185. BS in engineering, USAF Reserve.

"I travel around the world and enjoy meeting & writing other sisters. Often go out dressed. Enjoy music, dancing, sports. Write for several gender publications. Enjoy being involved in activities that will help my sisters and friends learn and grow."

Melissa Foster, P.O. Box 816, Lakewood, CA 90714 (CA-2099)

Rhonda S. (CA-0956)

RHONDA ANN SHAW (N CA) (#56)

Member: ETVC

MWM, 6', 160, 53, non-smoker. Passes well in daytime. Self-employed professional scientist with post graduate degree.

"Due to job and home commitments, I'm not always available. Interested in haute couture, furs, fine food and wine. Love to dine dressed in Bay area's better restaurants. Am looking for friends to accompany me. Tall males who can escort a stylish woman are welcome."

Rhonda S. (CA-0956)

Betty B. (CA-2307)

BETTY BYRNE (N CA) (#55)

Member: ETVC

SWM (widower), 60, 5'10", 180.

"Enjoy appearing as well-dressed, older lady. Like good food, good wine, conversations with friends, shopping, and having fun times. Would love to meet other TV's and understanding gentlemen of this area for companionship, dating, etc."

Betty Byrne, P.O. Box 2565, Napa, CA 94558 (CA-2307)

Roxanna P. (CA-2350)

ROXANNA P. (N CA) (#56)

Member: ETVC

Married TV, 6', medium build. Very supportive wife. Professional artist. Expression of the feminine self in image, feeling, and act is vital. "I am an open and positive person and would like to share through correspondence and/or meetings. Into painting, photography, ephemera, posing, dancing, fun, and aspects of the Goddess."

Roxanna P., P.O. Box 8182, Berkeley, CA 94707 (CA-2350)

JOANNA ALICE GAYLORD (S CA) (#57)

6'2", blue eyes, long auburn hair, currently obese, but losing weight.

"After losing both parents, gaining arthritis & asthma, at least I am blessed with an understanding, supportive, wonderful wife, and a new year of hope."

Joanna G. (CA-2066)

JAN N. (CA) (#55)

Member: IFGE

WM, 45, 6', 180, blonde, blue eyes. "Still in the closet - yearning to come out, but afraid - consider myself a 'male lesbian'."

Jan N. (CA-2210)

Alyson D. (CA-1755)

ALYSON DANIELS (S CA) (#56)

Member: PPOC

TV, 5'11".

"I try to go out in public every couple weeks in the Pasadena area. I'm encouraged by moments when I seem to pass. I'm looking for friends (all types) who can understand or share my complexities. Be forewarned, I'm a lousy correspondent."

Alyson D. (CA-1755)

Kayla A. (CA-2459)

KAYLA ALLEN (N CA) (#55)

WM TV, 24, 6'3", 250. Computer systems analyst.

"Interested in other TV/TS's in Sacramento area. Travel to SF Bay area periodically. Heavily into Sci-Fi fandom, conventions, and clubs. Occasionally attend SF conventions. Would love to meet others active in both fandom and gender issues. Enjoy dressing, but escort others while not crossdressed, too. Helped a sister TV make her first public appearances this way. Am on CompuServe's Human Sexuality Genderline Forum."

Kayla Allen, P.O. Box 95, Sutter, CA 95982-0095 (CA-2459)

MARCIA M. (S CA) (#55)

Small build, nice figure, very feminine, complete wardrobe. Enjoy soft silky feminine attire, especially slips, panties, and nylons. "Interested in discussing mutual feminine interests and aspirations. Would like to exchange experiences and fantasies with imaginative TV's."

Marcia M. (CA-1454)

MARY BERNICE F. (N CA) (#55)

Member: ETVC

Senior lady, new to San Francisco. Loves to be the lady she is. Loves people.

"Tell me about yourself. Send a picture. Know that we can help each other to

enjoy our heart-felt desire to be a successful TV."

Mary Bernice F. (CA-2405)

MATT D. (S CA) (#55)

WM non-crossdresser, 26, 6'5", brown hair & eyes, business owner, single. Enjoys travel, theater, movies, weight lifting, aerobics, music. "Looking for a TV or TS for correspondence, dating, and long term relationship. Will answer all."

Matt D., P.O. Box 3462, Fullerton, CA 92634-3462 (CA-2482)

Lori C. (CA-2586)

LORI CALLWAY (SW CA) (#56)

Member: IFGE

Mid-thirties, 5'6", tall, thin.

Interests: old movies, 60's rock (esp. Beatles), reading history, mysteries, and photography sessions en femme.

"I love being feminine, and being around others who share similar interests. Interested in relationships with sincere people. Want to share experiences. Would love to meet GG's, TS's, TV's."

Lori Callway, P.O. Box 64312, LA, CA 90064 (CA-2586)

ANNE VITALE, Ph.D. (N CA) (#56)

Member: HBIGDA

Participant: HBIGDA Conference

"I am a psychotherapist specializing in gender related issues. Being myself a M-F TS (operation in Jan. 1980) my interest in this area is both deep and personal. Although I am in private practice, I am closely associated with other Bay Area gender professionals and can provide complete pre- and post-op psychotherapy as well as recommendations for hormonal therapy and/or sex reassignment surgery when applicable."

Anne Vitale, Ph.D., D St. Counseling Group, 610 D St., San Rafael, CA 94901 (CA-2546)

MIKE B. (W CA) (#56)

Member: ETVC

SWM, 43, 5'11", like to date TV/TS's. I understand, and will be supportive of your female needs and wants. I'm sincere, honest, and would like to be that special man in your womanly life. I'm interested in crossdressing myself, and would like to meet someone to help me with dress and makeup. Must be willing to commit to long-term relationship."

Mike B. (CA-2030)

MELANIE (SW CA) (#56)

DWM, 5'4", 39, TS. Light brown hair, blue eyes, 140, looks 30ish. Interested in collecting dolls, sewing, cooking, motorcycles, thrift stores, window shopping, antique clothes, literature. "Been a TS since childhood, but out of the closet only recently -need lots of help with dressing and passing. I'm an RN with 16 years ICU-CCU and ER experience. I'm looking for friendship, not romance. Will answer all promptly."

D.B., P.O. Box 151074, LA, CA 90015 (CA-2566)

Mayumi O. (CA-2706)

MAYUMI OTA (S CA) (#56)

TV with Oriental background. 5'7", very passable. "Would like to correspond and meet with other TV/TS's. Love to dress like a lady. Would like to learn a lot more about hormones."

M. Ota (CA-2706)

Kris C. (CA-2713)

KRIS C. (C CA) (#56)

MWM, TV, 5'8", 165, brown hair/eyes. Sensitive and caring. Enjoy music sports, fashions. Working on becoming passable, but still need more help, advice, and practice. "Love dresses, skirts, shoes, makeup, and just about all feminine attire. Have come a long way since I first started crossdressing. Have accepted myself as a TV, and I love every minute of it. Would like to correspond with sincere TV's/TS's by writing/photos."

Kris C. (CA-2713)

BRIE'ANNE (SW CA) (#56)

5'9", 145, brown hair/eyes. Enjoy music, sports, feminine things. " I ' m very new at this. My wife knows, and helps. We need to hear from any couple that can help us understand and be aware of both our needs. I also can use help in becoming more feminine. Right now, I am just a child."

Brie'Anne (CA-2606)

CHRISTINA (SW CA) (#56)

SWM, 30's, hetero, spiritual, sensuous, with well-integrated femininity. Interests include environmental activism, medieval romantic literature, travel wines, music, and spiritualism.

"Getting better every day. Learning to pass better, and would appreciate all help. Love wedding gowns, and fancy, pretty dresses, maternity, and high heels. My psyche is healthy, but I have some fear and guilt about coming out. Will answer all with sincerity, compassion, intimacy, respect, and feeling."

C. Richardson, P.O. Box 485, Claremont, CA 91711 (CA-2617)

Julie L. (CA-2632)

JULIE LEWIS (SW CA) (#56)

CD with TS desires, 39, 6'. Interests include tennis, photography, computers, and of course, being free to be me.

"Been out of touch for a few years; now trying to pull myself up by my bra straps and get on with my life. Have experienced passing even in such places as a red-neck bar . . . but passing just isn't enough, is it?"

Julie Lewis (CA-2632)

SHARON LOUISE (C CA) (#57)

Member: Rennaissance

5'6", 165, white hair, hazel eyes, ruddy complexion. "Been this way for most of my life. Not a school girl by any stretch of the imagination! Everyone guesses some 10 years less than my actual age! Am well-read, former semi-pro baseball player, excellent bowler, good roller-skater and dancer, and good conversationalist. Began wearing corsets at a very early age, but did not become a total crossdresser until in my thirties. Would love to correspond, and possibly meet others in my area."

Jas.C.Morgan (CA-1303)

CHARLENE S. (SW CA) (#56)

Member: Neutral Corner

SWM, TG, 50, 6'1", 165. Outgoing, fun, loving, passable. "Strong supporter of TV/TG/TS and gender issues. Love to socialize with sincere, fun loving TV/TG/TS sisters, and open, unbiased GG's and couples. TV/TG whole life, public since 1960."

Charlene S. (CA-2652)

JULIE B. (SW CA) (#56)

Member: Tri-Ess

Hetero CD, 5'8", 145, 34, married, two children. Still a closet case. Wife knows, but doesn't care for it. Interested in electronics, computers, family, long walks, california real estate. "Glad to write anyone about anything. I have much to learn, but can also offer some unique views on many topics. I would like to find out what others do to get the courage to go to meetings and other places. I'm dying to get out, but don't know how."

Julie B., P.O. Box 8412, Northridge, CA 91327-8412 (CA-2639)

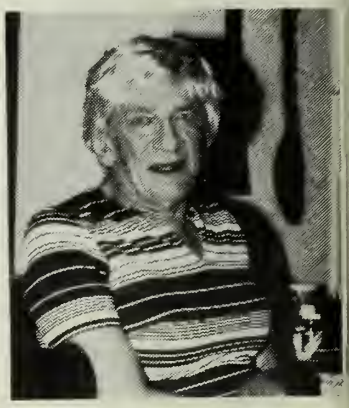
Cindy H. (CA-2177)

CINDY H. (SW CA) (#57)

Member: PPOC, IFGE

SWM, 6'4", 235, Bi-TV. Interests: 12-step recovery, cooking, reading, fishing, photography, gender education, camping, and art. "I am a designer. I look forward to corresponding with other sisters. My life is enhanced with spirituality. I would love to meet and correspond with TS or TG who live and work as ladies here in southern CA. My interests are channeled into a new game to be marketed soon. I'd love to share my new-found freedoms."

Cindy H. (CA-2117)



Leona M. (CA-2505)

LEONA MARTIN (C CA) (#55)

Member: Tri-Ess

65, 5'9", wife very supportive.

"Love who I am, what I am, as well as gender sisters (TV/TS). I adore nice clothing, being buxom, and the soft, gentle aspects of femininity. I do turn exhibitionist for a camera. I would love photo sessions with others who are interested in self-improvement, sharing more than just fantasies. Will answer all."

Leona M. (CA-2505)

SANDI B. (CA) (#58)

Member: IFGE

Interests: Photography, sailing, scuba.

MWM, hetero, CD, 60, 5'8", 145. Conservative dresser. "Started dressing at age 12. Still striving to look as naturally feminine as possible. Married 30 years to wonderful woman who helps me select and obtain coordinated outfits, but can't participate. Love all things feminine, especially long, manicured nails, smooth legs, sheer

hose, and pretty shoes."

Sandi Buell, PO Box 1038, Bonsall, CA 92003 (CA-2989)

Arlene R. (CA-2727)

ARLENE FAY ROSEN (N CA) (#56)

Member: ETVC

6", 160, brown hair, blue eyes, Bi TG, size 12. Enjoy the full feminine look and feel of crossdressing. "Seeking petite (under 5'7"), like-minded person to enjoy intimate, nurturing relationship. Serious replies enclose photo/phone."

Arthur Rosen (CA-2727)

Kristen D. (CA-2531)

KRISTEN DIXON (S CA) (#55)

Founding member: Phoenix Rising.

M-F Pre-op TS, 5'11", 160, 28.

Interests: Fashion, feelings, introspection and self-knowledge, the arts, generally having fun. "Looking to meet and share support with other TS's in the SO-CAL area. Sincere letter and photo will receive prompt response."

Kristen Dixon, P.O. Box 632852, San Diego CA 92163-2852 (CA-2531)

MELANIE HOWARD (CA) (#57)

WM, 39, 5'11", 155. Interests: History, photography, fashion, paleontology, astrophysics.

"I am a life-long TV, except for the past few years of unsuccessful repression. I have an understanding wife. I would like to hear from sisters from anywhere, but especially from the Pasadena and L.A. area, for friendship and support. I'm looking forward to again participate in the local outreach organizations. All correspondence will be answered."

Melanie H. (CA-2899)

Babs (CA-2620)

BABS D. (N CA) (#57)

"Avid collector of TV, TS, CD books, periodicals, memorabilia, with a special interest in performers. There are over 100 books as well as too many magazines to count in my collection. Would like to correspond with other bibliophiles and collectors to compare acquisitions. If you're looking to trade or sell, get in touch. I am seeking: 'Tapestry', prior to #39, 'Ladylike' #1 and 2, 'Female Mimics International' #38 and 39, and selected issues of Lee G. Brewster's 'Drag' and Virginia Prince's 'Transvestia'."

Babs D. (CA-2620)

Marlene (CA-1036)

MARLENE L. (S CA) (#57)

Member: Tri-Ess

Awards: Distinguished Service Award-Holiday en Femme, San Francisco, 1987.

Single, 5'11", 150, 57. Interested in tennis, chess, skiing, astronomy.

"I attend a dozen or so meetings each year. I work in the Tri-Ess National office once a week, and help organize new chapters."

Marlene L., P.O. Box 4067, Visalia, CA 93278 (CA-1036)

BETSY B. (N CA) (#57)

Member: STVC, NWGA, SGA, RGA, Tri-Ess

Participant: Dreams, Coming Together, Tahoe "Femme Flings"

DWM, older TV with long experience of crossdressing. "I enjoy depicting a well-dressed, dignified older lady befitting my age. Enjoy parties and association with other CD's. Will answer correspondence."

Betsy B. (CA-1104)

Tracy M. (CA-2835)

TRACY MORGAN (CA) (#57)

MWM, 40, 6'. Wife tries to tolerate without much success.

"I enjoy crossdressing, photo exchange, psychotherapy, movies, music, and the Boston Red Sox. After almost 30 years in the closet, I want to find some good friends I can share and have fun with. I am particularly interested in hearing from good letter writers and those of you who have told your children about your dressing up, and whether, in retrospect, you would recommend or advise against my doing that."

Tracy Morgan, P.O. Box 7543, Van Nuys, CA 91409. (CA-2835)

Rita F. (CA-0600)

RITA F. (CA) (#57)

Member: Paradise, Crossroads, ETVC, CGA, Transpit

Participant: Be All, Shangrala, Poconos, Lee Brewster, P-Town.

Interests: Art, music, auto racing, engine building, people. "I travel the entire U.S., and venture out in every major city. I am privileged to know and meet many sisters. I love everything feminine."

Rita F. (CA-0600)

AMY H. (C CA) (#56)

TV/TS, 28 years old, 5'6", brown hair and green/brown eyes. Interests include lingerie, being a woman in all ways; also war games and collecting Japanese animation.

"I am looking for discrete TV's, TS's and GG's for correspondence and friendship."

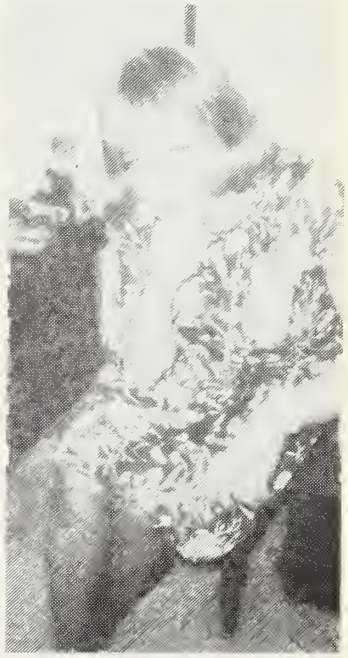
Amy H. (CA-2769)

Blair (CA-1927)

BLAIR (S CA) (#57)

Married TV, 41, 5'10", size 20-22. Interests: Shopping, cooking, music, photography, lingerie. "I try to look and act as feminine as possible when dressed. I would like to correspond with and perhaps meet TV's/TS's. I'm especially interested in contacting other large-size people to form a loose-knit national organization or network."

Blair (CA-1927)



Lorraine H. (CA-1150)

LORRAINE ELLEN HALL (CA) (#57)

Member: ETVC

Pre-op TS, over 50. Some hormonal development. Have lived full-time for short periods and planning full-time. Interests: Art, photography, music, theater, movies, bridge. "My lifelong dream to be transformed physically into a female was a secret until 5 years ago when I emerged from the closet. To my surprise, I have surmounted many obstacles that I thought stood in the way of realizing my goal, and it now seems to be within grasp. I would love to hear from others who may share my dream and welcome their comments, advice, and questions."

Lorraine H. (CA-1150)

Christina W. (CA-2901)

CHRISTINA WHITE (CA) (#57)

Member: ETVC, SGA

Young 37, 5'9", 130, MWM CD with TG/TS tendencies. "Size 10, look nice in sportswear and updated classic clothes. Took dance class as a boy and ended up as a girl in leotards. I'm finding being Christina is so natural. Love hair ornaments and girl talk. Pass fairly well in the day. I want to hear from and contribute to our community. Write with pictures--will reply quickly."

Christina White, P.O. Box 258, Carmichael, CA 95609 (CA-2901)

Julien S. (CA-2348)

JULIEN STILZ (SW CA) (#58)

Ph.D. educated, professional, single. Many interests, including transgenderism.

"I pass well either way. I'm FTM, interested in MTF's. Will consider legal marriage and total role reversal with pre-op MTF or TV. No drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, or promiscuous types. Would like to network with other professionals and monogamous role-reversed couples in US and N. Europe."

Julien S. (CA-2348)

Chelsea B. (CA-2934)

CHELSEA BROWN (CA) (#58)

Married TV, 6', hazel eyes. Interests: Computers, reading (and writing) TV fiction. "Still learning (and enjoying it), and just starting to go out en femme."

Chelsea Brown, P. O. Box 2025-364, Tustin, CA 92680 (CA-2934)

JULIE ANN (CA) (#57)

SWM, TV, 40, 5'8", 150. Still closeted, but trying to come out.

Interests: Fashion, clothes, make-up, shopping, gardening, cooking, hairstyles, developing all aspects of my femininity.

"I am quite content to have both male and female personas. I would enjoy meeting others. I am honest, sincere, and quick as possible with correspondence. Enjoy 'girl talk' through the mail, and possible meeting."

Julie Ann (CA-2891)

OLIVE (CA) (#57)

54, WM, TV, 5'11", 170.

"I'm still in the closet, but want to emerge. Would like to correspond with and meet understanding women."

Olive (CA-2871)

DEIRDE (CA) (#57)

Member: ETVC

Professional harpist, tours nationally.

"Available for TV events any location. I play solo, or in duet with significant other."

Deirde, P.O. Box 1724, Mendocino, CA 95460 (CA-2868)

CONNIE (CA) (#57)

5'8-1/2", 225 (and losing), brown hair, blue eyes, retired military, A. A. General Science, working on B. A. in psychology.

Interests: Bodybuilding, drag racing, and motorcycles. "Lifelong interest, but only approving significant other is aware. Have not gone out in public as I am too big to pass. Am learning make-up techniques and would appreciate any help or comments. Will try to answer all."

David & Connie, 3920 Market St. Suite 117, Riverside, CA 92501 (CA-2988)

HAWAII (& ISLANDS) (967-969-)

Clara B. (HI-0955)

CLARA ANN BULLARD (HI) (#55)

Member: Delta Chi chapter Tri-Ess

60, 6', 195. "Have dressed since youth. Love being a woman and every part of feminine life. Have been out many times - window shopping, walking, sitting at bus stops, etc. Feel very comfortable with other CD's. Let's face it - we all love being a woman and being called a lady."

Clara Ann Bullard (HI-0955)

Tracy R. (HI-2180)

TRACY RYAN (HI) (#58)

Member: Hawaii Transgendered Outreach, President of same.

Awards: "Miss Femininity", Fantasia Fair, 1990

Hetero CD, 35, 5'8", 145. Outer dresser. "Pass shopping, dining, etc. Active in Hawaii Transgendered Outreach. I'd love hearing from sisters elsewhere. I've met or corresponded with over one hundred in 1990. I'd also love to hear from genetic females. I don't like hearing from male 'admirers'."

T. Ryan, 777 Kapiolani Blvd, #3114, Honolulu, HI 96813 (HI-2180)

PHYLIS D. (HI) (#55)

6', 66, blonde, green eyes. Enjoys music, reading, art - interior decoration, cooking. "When dressed, I present a subdued dignified exterior. I think I look younger than my age. My attitudes toward life are not always dignified! I have a quick sense of humor, especially when directed at myself. I like people - including me!"

Phylis D. (HI-2280)

CHRIS LEE (HI) (#56)

5'10", 148. Enjoy dining out, jogging, swimming, golf. "Part-time CD, never been out, would like to correspond/meet with experienced, passable CD (heterosexual). Would like to go out in public, and perhaps attend TV/CD events."

Chris L. (HI-2593)

OREGON (970-979-)

Ellen S. (OR-0382)

ELLEN SUMMERS (OR) (#57)

IFGE Board of Directors, Vice-Chrprsn Board of Directors, Chrprsn Nominations Committee.

Member: NWGA, ETVC, Emerald City

Awards: "DREAM" Grand Dame '83

5'10", 185. "Been a part of our community for 15 years. Enjoy travel, my big band era recording collection, being Ellen as much as possible, shopping for Ellen. My interest is in helping our community to accept themselves. My family knows of Ellen, and understands."

Ellen S., c/o NWGA, Box 4928, Portland, OR 97208-4928 (OR-0382)

Stacy C. (OR-1806)

STACY CLEMENT (OR) (#56)

MWM TV, 6', 190, green eyes, auburn hair (long enough to wear naturally). Very passable. Professional photographer. I especially love photo sessions with TV friends. Enjoy shopping, cooking, wine, food, and friends.

"I've been around the TV scene for years, and would like to exchange stories, tales, and the like with you!"

Stacy C. (OR-1806)

Jonele W. (OR-2534)

JONELE WONG (OR) (#55)

Member: Tri-Ess

5'5", 125, size 7, late 30's, Asian-American. Interests include playing guitar, skiing, kayaking, running.

"I love silk dresses and heels. Pass well, and love to be out and about shopping, dining, taking in shows. I would like to contact more ladies, especially in the NW. Will exchange photos and true accounts of feminine adventures with all."

Jonele Wong, P.O. Box 24941, Eugene, OR 97402 (OR-2534)

Linda T. (OR-2908)

LINDA ANN (OR) (#57)

Member: NWGA (co-founder), former president of Salmacis in San Francisco.

50, married, bi, like to go out with passable TV's and escorts, travel occasionally to various places.

"Respectable married couples a pleasure to meet. Anyone in Maui, Manhattan, L.A., St. Louis, San Francisco? Possible visits on business to above points."

Linda Ann (OR-2908)

JEANETTE G. (OR) (#55)

Member: NWGA

Participant: DREAM

Blonde, 195, late 60's, 5'9", married, wife understands, 3 children (all know).

"Have been a cross-dresser since age 8. Appearing in public with the wife for the past 25 years. Retired. Enjoy wearing 4" heels. Enjoy my collection of 30's & 40's big band era music."

Jeanette Gens, c/o NWGA, P.O. Box 4928, Portland, OR 92708 (OR-2426)

RHONDA F. (C OR) (#56)

Member: NW Gender Alliance, Tri-Ess

38, 5'10", 155, TV, married, hetero, no children.

Interests: everything feminine, remodeling, camping, backpacking, auto restoration, trap shooting, bird hunting.

"Still in closet, although I did attend a NWGA function. Working on my image to go public soon. Have understanding wife who helps occasionally. Fall and winter are my best times. I've known about myself since age four, but still have trouble coming to grips with my other self. Ready to go forward! Employed with Fire Service."

Rhonda F. (OR-2708)

RACHEL M. (NW OR) (#56)

Single WMTV, 29, gorgeous and fun.

"I want to meet friends in the Portland area for understanding and good times."

Rachel M. (OR-2654)

CAROL T. (NW OR) (#56)

55, 5'10", 180, brown hair/eyes, married. "I enjoy reading sci-fi and historical novels, sailing, light airplanes. Although I've been a crossdresser many years, I am just now coming out of the closet. I need all the help I can find. Would like to contact and possibly meet others locally."

Carol T. (OR-2702)

Jennifer M. (OR-2421)

JENNIFER M. (OR) (#59)

Member: NWGA

Awards: La Femme Magnifique

5'7", 138, enjoy all of feminine life--shopping, dining, theater.

"Other than at work (health professional), I can dress anytime. Trying to learn to sew dresses and lingerie. Wish to pass as a woman in all activities. Kayaking, biking, and hiking are great in Oregon. Will correspond with all and exchange photos."

Jennifer M. (OR-2421)

WASHINGTON (980- 994-)

ADRIAN C. (WA) (#57)

"Handsome, mature, bi-male cross-dresser with many interests desires correspondence to develop friendship with very feminine, passable TV, pre-op TS, or TS with the object of eventual lasting, mutually fulfilling, loving relationship. Will answer all."

Adrian C. P O Box 80311, Seattle, WA 98108 (WA-2775)

Sandy S. (WA-1022)

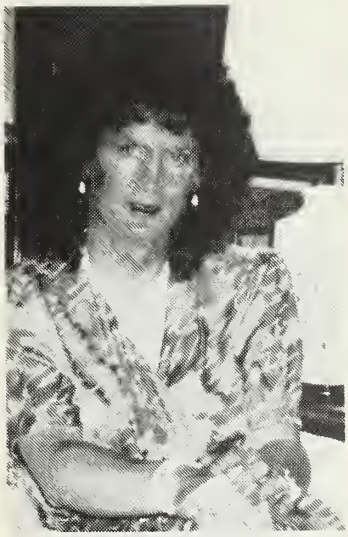
SANDY S. (WA) (#56)

Member: Emerald City

Participant: 90 In 90

5'11", 185, blue eyes, blond. "Enjoy total look, enjoy going out and meeting others. Love entire look from lingerie to heels and stockings. Want to learn all and meet others with same interest. Enjoyed events in Portland and Seattle. Would like to meet others with accepting wives."

Sandy S. (WA-1022)



Mary G. (WA-1826)

MARY M. GIBBONS (WA) (#56)

Member: Emerald City, NWGA

Participant: Holiday En Femme, Fantasia Fair, Coming Together

MWM TV, 48, 5'11". Enjoy music (attend opera and ballet and enjoy much wider variety), travel, movies, books.

"Have an accepting family which allows very satisfying activities. Enjoy meeting and corresponding with other people. Not interested in macho pursuits. Interested in friends, not 'relationship'."

Ms Mary M. Gibbons, P.O. Box 1151, Mercer Island, WA 98040 (WA-1826)

JUDY OSBORNE (WA) (#56)

Member: Emerald City, NWGA, Tri-Ess

Participant: Fantasia Fair

5'11, 155. Enjoys sailing, reading, tennis, sports, cooking. "Love friends in the transgendered community, and in other life. Wish two could be brought together. Making some progress in this."

Judy Osborne, Box 19394, Seattle, WA 98109 (WA-1024)

MELISSA LEEANN PRATHER (WA) (#57)

Member: Emerald City

Participant: '90 In '90

MWM TV, 5'10", 190, 56 with semi-supportive wife. Enjoys sewing and design, art, calligraphy, cooking, model railroading, stamp collecting, writing.

"Would enjoy hearing from others."

Melissa LeeAnn P. (WA-2102)

Karen K. (WA-0322)

KAREN KENT (NW WA) (#56)

Member: NWGA, Tri-Ess (Board of Directors)

Participant: Be All, Holiday En Femme

48, 5'9", 195. "Dressed since early childhood, out of the closet in 1981. Dress almost every day. Pass. Go shopping, to restaurants, the theater, take part in panel discussions for college classes, dressed. Have written articles dealing with cross-dressing. Travel, so can meet a lot of sisters around the country."

Karen K. (WA-0322)

CHERYL G. (WA) (#55)

Married, 44, 5'2", blonde. Enjoy swing music, golf, video, 40's fashions, bowling, lingerie, TV literature.

"AA member; 15 years sober. Love to write letters and share experiences. Will answer all correspondence."

Cheryl Gregory, 177 Telegraph Road #440, Bellingham, WA 98226 (WA-0777)

STEPHANIE NELSON (WA) (#55)

Hetero CD, 6'2", 160, 40, brown hair, green eyes, professional. Interests: Skiing, tennis, camping.

"Would like to develop honest, sharing friendship, non-sexual. Would also like to pass in public. I would particularly like to hear from other CD's, TV's, or TS's in Spokane area."

Stephanie Nelson, P.O. Box 15183, Spokane, WA 99215 (WA-2318)

JENNIFER MARTIAN (SW WA) (#56)

Member: IFGE Supporting Mbr

Single M-F pre-op TS, 29. Enjoy model railroading, socializing with other TS's.

"Enjoy my job as a building mainte-

nance engineer. On hormones one year. Would like to visit and talk with other TS's in Washington. I work 6-7 days a week, so difficult for me to travel, but I do get to Seattle four times a year to see my physician."

Jennifer M. (WA-1710)

Helen B. (WA-2688)

HELEN B. (W WA) (#56)

"I am a hetero TV who loves the feeling of being fully dressed and feminine. Because my family is not aware of my interests, personal meeting may be difficult, but I would love to correspond, trade photos, and hopefully meet."

Helen Bounds, Box 3772, Bellevue, WA 98009 (WA-2688)

Amy C (WA-1181)

AMY JO C. (W WA) (#57)

Member: Emerald City-Seattle

5'11", black hair, hazel eyes. Enjoy lingerie, sexy nylons, high heels, anything feminine. "Would like to meet other TV/TS in the same area."

A.J. Carmody (WA-1181)

MICHELLE LYNN (WA) (#55)

Married TV, 37, pleasant personality. Enjoys people.

"I'm still in the closet, but would like to meet sisters in NW WA area. Love all heels and feminine finery. Enjoy boating, camping, cooking, & having fun. Will answer all letters and exchange photos. Very discrete. Write . . . even to say 'Hi!'"

Michelle L. (WA-2399)

WENDY KATHERINE P. (W WA) (#56)

MWM, hetero TV, 42, 5'9", 180, blue eyes, auburn hair.

"Would like to improve my presentation. Interests include feminine things, skiing, long walks in the moonlight, 60's music. Trying to come out more; non-supportive wife hinders that. Looking for someone special to share ideas and experiences with. Would like to go out, but need to gain more confidence and experience in the feminine role. Will answer all sincere letters."

W.K. Plemmons, P.O. Box 101, Moclips, Wa 98562-0101 (WA-2662)

Comfort G. (WA-2867)

COMFORT DESIREE GREEN (WA) (#57)

DWM, 39, 190 and losing--goal 175-150, ash blond hair with blue eyes. Interests: Crossdressing, guitar, photography, writing short stories, movies, the arts. "I'm a new girl, seeking her roots. Can you help? Interested in correspondence with TV's, TS's, and women. I'm hetero, with strong affections towards pre-ops and TS's."

Ms. Comfort Desiree Green, P.O. Box 658, Centralia, WA 98531 (WA-2867)

Jessica M. (WA-2975)

JESSICA MORGAN (WA) (#58)

Member: NWGA, Emerald City.

Attended: California Dreamin'.

Married, hetero TV, 35, 5'10", 175, dark brown hair, blue eyes.

"Just out of the closet, and enjoy dressing up every chance I get. Wife does not know about Jessica yet. Would be interested in corresponding with other sisters, especially those who are married. I would enjoy hearing from single sisters as well."

Jessica A. Morgan, PO Box 3891, Federal Way, WA 98063-3891 (WA-2975)

DENISE STRONG (WA) (#57)

Member: Emerald City, Ingersoll Gender Center, IFGE Publication Committee.

MWM, TV/TG, 39, 5'11", 170, hetero, professional. Enjoy meeting others, intellect, travel, movies, music, plays, outdoors, humor, spontaneity, fine wine, and meaningful nonsexual friendships.

"Willing to correspond with, and meet other people who enjoy going out. Well-read on TV/TG/TSism. Interested in additional research and writing articles on same. Wife supportive, however, discretion is a must. Will answer all."

Denise Strong (WA-2748)

CHRISTINA G. (WA) (#57)

5'5", 130, hispanic, dark hair, brown eyes, fine build, size 7-8. Interests: Sports, women's rights, news, wearing beautiful feminine clothing that makes me feel pretty inside. "As soon as I heard of Tapestry, wanted to get involved. I've felt all alone for a great deal of my life, but now want to express myself and be active and supportive. No longer ashamed of myself. I'm a woman trying to come out (transsexual)."

Christina G. (WA-2812)

JEAN G. (WA) (#58)

WM, TV, 5'11", 175, 49. Interests: flying, old cars. "I've been crossdressing since age 12. Married 30 years; wife knows but is non-supportive. I don't dress completely very often, but wear bras regularly. I will answer all letters."

Jean Gruber, P.O. Box 2876, Renton, WA 98056

ALASKA (995- 999-)

Nora Y. (AK-1425)

NORA JEAN YORK (AK) (#58)

Member: Berdache Society

Participant: Coronation '89

"I'm fun, feminine, sincere, loving, sexy. I enjoy cooking, sewing, biking, and using my home computer. I enjoy watching videos and making them. I adore sexy clothing and lingerie. I am constantly working to bring forth the woman from within."

Nora Jean York, P.O. Box 203134, Anchorage, AK 99520-3134 (AK-1425)

DONNA S. (AK) (#55)

Member: Berdache Society

Married life-long TV, 5'9", 33, 145. "I'm a life-long Alaskan, enjoy being dressed en femme in public, short skirts, and meeting people, and hearing from people."

Donna S. (AK-2247)

SUSANNE MARIE B. (AK) (#56)

MWM, 33, 6'3", 175, brown hair, blue eyes. "Interested in corresponding with other CD's and TV's and attending my first public function as 'Susanne'. Would welcome any letters and photos and will return same. Would like to communicate with those who share my love for women's clothing, and playing the part as well."

Susanne B. (AK-2422)

CANADA

Micheline J. (CAN-0560)

MICHELINE JOHNSON (ON CAN) (#58)

Former TS, now happily post-op (May 1990). "Thank you all (Merissa, IFGE, support groups and individuals) for your support and friendship in the past, and to all those who wrote to me during my transition. I am no longer looking for new correspondence or friendship from within the gender community or from outside my home town (Ottawa). I need someone close at hand. Apologies to those to whom I did not write back, due to work overload. Love to you all."

Micheline Johnson, P.O. Box 9155, Stn. T, Ottawa, ON, K1G 3T9 (CAN-0560)

CAROLYN ALEXANDER (ON CAN) (#57)

"I'm a 40-something attractive and sophisticated bi WMM CD, well and truly educated with a sensuous, caring attitude. I pass easily and love to be totally feminine. Looking for intimate friendship with readers having similar make-up who wish to meet or correspond."

Carolyn Alexander, Box 7115, Vanier PO, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1L 8E3 (CAN-1087)

LINDA JENSEN (ON CAN) (#56)

Tall, slim, blue eyed, dark hair.

"Love to shop, cress, go out. Also into fitness, home video, and stimulating conversation and travel. I've met many fine persons involved in the cross-dresser's world. I would like to meet and share experiences with more."

Linda Jensen, Box 15855, Stn. F, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K2C-3S7 (CAN-0442)

JOAN BRIDGEMAN (ON CAN) (#55)

Member: Tiffany, Transition Support, CGS, ETVC, Boulton & Park.

Participant: IFGE Convention '88, '89; Texas T Party '89, Be-All '88, 89.

Middle age M-FTS. "I am very poor at answering letters because I am too busy and enjoy travelling. However, please feel free to call me if you are in Toronto."

Joan Bridgeman (CAN-0565)

GABRIELLE P. (ON CAN) (#58)
63, 6'3", muscular, walk daintily in heels in spite of size. Interests: High fashion shoes & lingerie. "In order to meet other TV's, I operate a bed & breakfast inn in my old schoolhouse/home in Singhampton. I love people to drop in."
Gabrielle P. (CA-2918)

Julie F. (CAN-1665)

JULIE FASHIONS (BC CAN) (#55)
SWM, 5'9", 164, 42, blue eyes, trim figure. "Work publicly as male, live privately as female. Love shopping and all things feminine. Will correspond with other TV/TS's."
Julie Fashions (CAN-1665)

Karen B. (CAN-1970)

KAREN-ANNE BROWN (ON CAN) (#56)
"Hi! I'm a 5'4" TV doll, petite 12, 39-31-38. Pass easily if I do not talk. Like romantic music, wine, and willing to consider any fantasy. Write TV fiction, and have mags and books to swap. I enjoy computers and intelligent conversation. I am in the closet, but willing to travel W QUE, Northern NY, and E ONT, for the right person. Only well written letters will be responded to."
Karen-Anne Brown, P.O. Box 1175, Cornwall, ON K6H 5V2 CANADA (CAN-1970)

YVETTE DUCHARME (QUE CAN) (#55)
Member: Tri-Ess, Tiffany, IFGE
Participant: Fantasia Fair 1989
DWM, hetero, 49, 5'11". Live alone. Interests: Femme things, travel (especially security aspects), reading, music, shooting, and race cars. "I enjoy corresponding very much. My femme personality is classical type. Relaxed and open to discussion. Would like to correspond and form new friendships."
Yvette D. (CAN-1632)

MARY LOU H. (AL CAN) (#58)
Member: NWGA
Participant: Fantasia Fair, Poconos W/E, Tri Ess Holiday, 'Be All', NWGA events, DREAMIN'
SWM hetero CD, retired, 5'8", size 14, musician, loves concerts, drama, nature, museums, traveling. Stylish dresser.
"Will meet hetero CD's and understanding girls, ladies, and couples. Love correspondence and exchange of pictures."
Mary Lou H. (CAN-0440)

Christine B. (CAN-2474)

CHRISTINE B. (BC CAN) (#56)
Married, 40, 6', 165, TS oriented with supportive wife. "My primary interests lie in raising my children and being in a fulfilling relationship with my wife, and exploring the unlimited potential of my career. Having read Kyndel Kellis' article in Issue 55, I have embraced the concept of berdache - each day is different. I have only been out dressed twice. I need a clear understanding of the legal ramifications of being made before pushing my luck. I would appreciate feedback."
Christine B. (CAN-2474)

LOUISE M. (BC CAN) (#55)
Member: Tri-Ess
Participant: Holiday En Femme, Tiffany P-Town Outing, Be-All
SWM, TV, 135, educated, fit, 60-ish. Enjoy skiing, cycling, golf, music, theater, books, everything feminine.
"I enjoy corresponding with my sisters and am a conscientious correspondent. I dress very frequently at home and love going out as my other self. I feel relaxed and confident as a woman."
Louise M. (CAN-1787)

KAREN HOPE (ON CAN) (#55)
Member: Tri-ess.
Participant: Local Tri-Ess functions.
41, married, 2 children, professional.
"Finally emerging after struggle since age 4. My wife and my local Tri-Ess group are supportive. I'm here!"
Karen Hope, Box 8282, Alta Vista Station, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3H7 (CAN-1736)

ALLISON JENNIFER BRENT (AL CAN) (#56)
Member: Phi Sigma
MWM, hetero CD, 5'9", 172, 6'4", brown hair, brown eyes. "I am married to a wonderful gal who is aware of my CD interests, but prefers to remain uninvolved. Interests include music of the big band era, racquet sports, hiking and canoeing. I enjoy dressing and making 'Allison' just as feminine as she can be."
Allison B. (CAN-1656)

BEVERLEY V. (ON CAN) (#55)
MWM hetero TV, 45, 5'10", 185, ash blonde, blue eyed professional.
"Enjoy boating, skiing, art, theater, dining. Enjoy feminine dressing - cautious, conservative - come out timidly and quite passable. Look forward to meeting and writing other sincere, discrete, empathetic TV's, TS's, & supportive females to help me become more at ease."
Beverley V. (CAN-2449)

Helga D. (CAN-2759)

HELGA DAHLKE (ONT CAN) (#58)
5'8", 150, 64, hetero TV, married to a slightly supportive wife. Feminine, shy, not out of the closet yet, getting started again.
"I like being dressed in nylon, satin, lacy feminine attire. Interests include camping (Owen Sound area), ballroom, square, and round dancing. Like to spend winters in Florida. Wish to meet others from my general area who have their wives' support, for help and friendship."
Helga D. (CAN-2759)

Jennifer G. (CAN-2919)

JENNIFER CHRISTINE GRAY (BC CAN) (#56)
Member: Cornbury Society, (Vancouver)
5'9", 155, 39, hetero CD. "I enjoy shopping and dining en femme with my wife, and corresponding with like couples."
Jennifer G. (CAN-2919)

CYNTHIA ANNE WILLIAMS (ONT CAN) (#56)
5'11", 146, 29. SW hetero TV. Enjoys movies, reading, collecting rare books, manuscripts, and autographs.
"I have been crossd ressing for 20 years and would like to hear from others who enjoy my TV interests. I am not out of the closet, and, unfortunately, have not yet developed the courage to go on outings."
Cynthia W., P.O. Box 545, Postal Station D, Etobicoke, ONT. M9A 1BO (CAN-2559)

DEBORAH (ON CAN) (#56)
Member: Tiffany
MWM, 42, lifelong CD. Quiet, caring; supportive wife and family. Cosmopolitan interests: music, art, poetry, cooking, gardening, sports, fashion, philosophy, science, etc.
"Interested in meeting others, especially couples, for friendship and mutual support."
Deborah (CAN-2572)

Dayl P. (ON-2913)

DAYL D. PAYNTER (ON CAN) (#58)
36, 5'11", 150, blue eyes, dancer's figure. "I feel like a child taking her first steps. I want to be a woman when I grow up. Am in need of friends, support, guidance, to share with. Professional singer/songwriter, artist, with very large, soon-to-be-realized dreams. I draw my inspiration and lifeblood form the woman inside."
Dayl P. (CAN-2913)

MINA (QUE CAN) (#58)
Events Attended: Dressing for Pleasure.
6', 170, TV, with very supportive wife.
"Our interests are varied. We travel frequently. We enjoy fantasy development and role playing as part of our 'Rituals of Belonging.' Although I am passable, we are looking for methods to further increase my femininity. Interested in couples who share our aspirations. Discretion expected and assured, as we both have professional careers."
Mina & Princess Shelba, PO Box 664, Beaconsfield, QUEBEC, Canada H9W 5V3 (CAN-2955)

PUERTO RICO

ROBERTA J. CAMPBELL (PR) (#57)
6'2", 225, brown hair, brown eyes, single, 44. Bookworm and avid movie collector. "I'm a pre-op TS. Looking to write, talk and mingle with others who share the same problem. Also interested in forming a support group in Puerto Rico."
Robert C. (PR-2838)

ANDRERA FERNANDINI (PR) (#59)
5'7", 140, 27, white, romantic, sincere. Interests: Books, travel, art, theater.
"I would like to correspond with or meet a pre- or post-op TS."
Andrera F. (PR-2817)

MEXICO

Laura M. (MEX-2670)

LAURA MORENO (MEX) (#56)
Events attended: None - This is Mexico...you know, "machismo"!
MWM, 39, 5'10", 140, brown hair/eyes. Life-long crossdresser, passable at times, guilt-free.
"Just coming out of the closet. Like to dress like a lady. Wish to meet new friends (sincere, secure TV/TS couples) for mutual support. Would like to join or form a TV/TS group in Mexico City. I like to dance, cook, listen to music, reading about the psychological aspects of TV/Tsism."
Laura M. (MEX-2670)

UNITED KINGDOM

Anne F. (Scotland-2791)

ANNE FORRESTER (SCOTLAND) (#57)
Member: Scottish TV/TS Group
Hetero TV, separated, 60, going on 40. Writer and editor (Ph.D.). Love to travel.
"I've only recently been able to indulge my love of skirts, heels and hose. Generally passable and love going out, but not out of the closet yet. Ann dresses conservatively like a modern business woman, but loves the chance to put on a ball gown. Wish to hear from any supportive 'real live girls'."
Anne F. (Scotland-2791)

CELIA SCOTT-SHEPHERD (ENG) (#57)
Member: Beaumont Society, Gender Dysphoria Trust (UK)
Widower, 5'9", 145. Occasional TV from age 4 to partner's death. Now getting more deeply involved. Interested especially in language and music. "Would like to receive audio tapes in exchange for my 'first and second voices' tape."
Celia S., P.O. Box 1351, London N16 7XX, England (ENG-1904)

EUROPE

Helen S. (FRA-2178)

HELEN S. (FRANCE) (#55)
Member: Trans-CCL (Paris)
TV, 57, 5'11", blonde. Enjoy everything feminine. Interests: classical music, arts, reading, biking. "I especially enjoy writing or meeting with sisters and understanding ladies. Wish contact with other European members."
Helen S. (FRA-2178)

Susan S. (GER-2235)

SUSAN JEAN SMITH (W. GERMANY) (#55)
Attractive TS w/great legs, 5'9", well-built and educated, seeking husband, friends, and job.
"I would like to meet men who would consider a serious and permanent relationship with me. Interests include SRS, intelligent people, and creative writing."
Susan Jean Smith (GER-2235)

Jenny S. (NOR-2585)

JENNY SAND (NORWAY) (#56)
Member: FPE-Northern Europe
Hetero TV, 36, 5'8", 120. Enjoys low-budget world travel, meeting warm, open-minded, humorous people. Interests range from literature, music, art and film, carpentry, and mechanics. "Love to feel feminine, and strive for perfection. Go out dressed with friends and other TV's. Do not always pass. Interested in hearing from anyone, especially those who would be interested in being my local guides when travelling the US."
Jenny S. (NOR-2584)

AUSTRALIA

MARINA LANG (AUS) (#56)
Member: Seahorse Club of Victoria
Participant: Cup Eve Ball, Arts Ball
TS, 194 cm (6'6"), blonde. Enjoys classical music, oil painting, theater, concerts, eating out in restaurants, fashion, and dress design. "I would like to hear from other very tall IFGE members."
Marina Lang, G.P.O. Box 1177K, Melbourne, 3001 Australia (AUS-0693)

TANYA ALYCE (AUS) (#57)
6', 33, slim, TV with TS tendencies. Interests: Feminine clothes, make-up, swimming, tennis. "I would enjoy hearing from other TS/TV's with view to share experiences and problems."
Tanya Alyce, P.O. Box R 414 Royal Exchange, Sydney, Australia 2000

HONG KONG

ROSEMARY MARYON LANGTON (HONG KONG) (#56)
Member: Beaumont Society
MWM lifelong TV, 58. Enjoys dress making, travel, corresponding with and meeting TV's.
"Am a committed TV, pass easily. Wife and adult children know and accept Rosemary. Love going to beauty salons. Have extensive wardrobe both of current fashions and maid, little girl, maternity, and Japanese outfits. I like to correspond with and possibly meet TV's everywhere as I travel extensively."
Rosemary Langton, G.P.O. Box 9171, Hong Kong (HK-1792)

TRANSFORMATION

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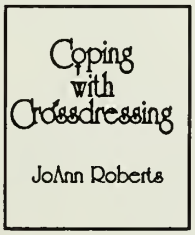

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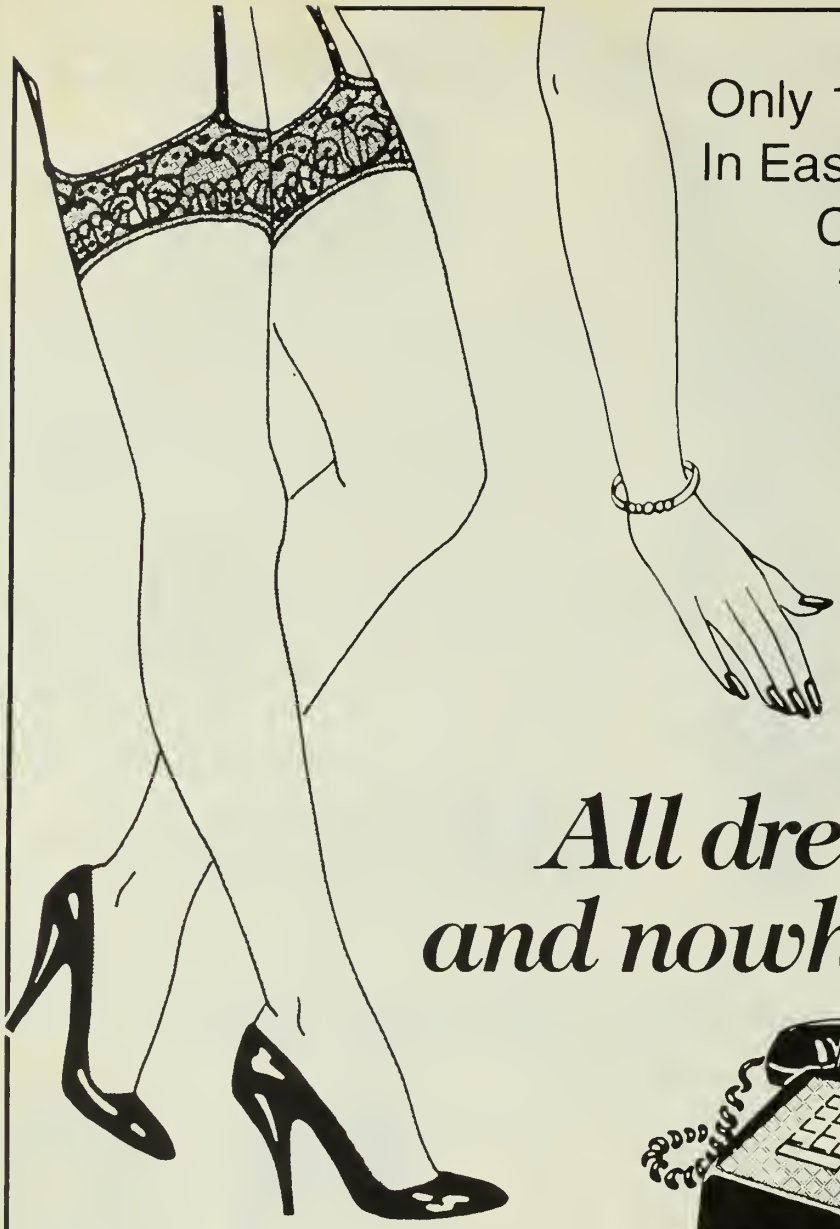

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